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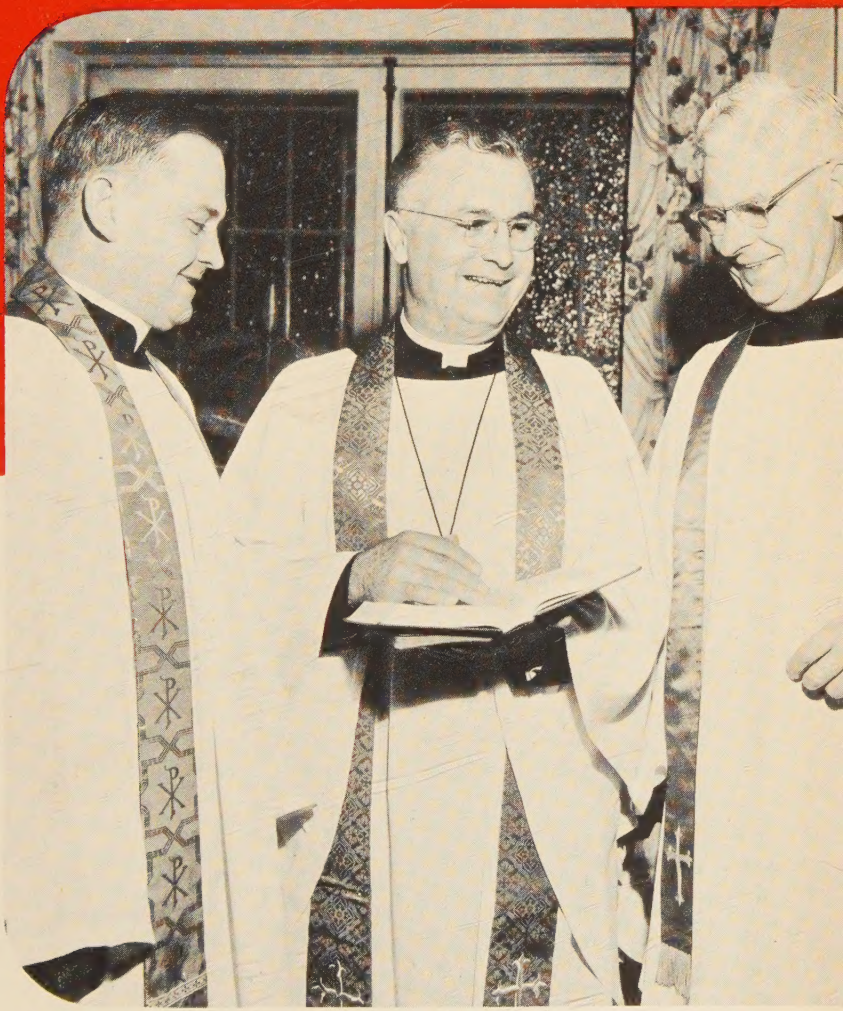

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AT A MEETING of Alcoholics Anonymous, to which I had taken a parishioner who needed help from that organization, the speaker was introduced as "George Henton."

The name startled me. I had conducted George Henton's funeral only a year ago! He was a member of our congregation who had made the supreme sacrifice while serving our country. His remains had been brought back to rest on American soil.

THE SPEAKER told the usual story—alcohol had ruined his life, cost him his business. Oddly enough, he too had served in the war. Finally by the grace of God and help he had received through AA, he was able to stand before us a changed man and good citizen.

Afterward I talked to him about the other George Henton. "We were related," he told me, "but I knew him. When George Henton was among the casualties, some of my f supposed it was I. Perhaps it s have been."

"WHEN GEORGE HENTON was kil action it came as a severe blow to u I responded. "He was a fine young a Christian of great promise. We dered then why one so good was He died while you were saved to the Lord through the testimony transformed life. May you always good a man as the George Henton died!"

"Thanks, Pastor," was his answ we clasped hands. "I intend to be e that, with God's help."

—ELMER P. WE

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ER PICTURE. Dr. Alfred J. Beil (center) was installed at St. John's Church, Des Moines, ct. 28 as the first full-time president of the Iowa Synod. At left is the Rev. Frederick R. ig of Postville, synod vice president. At right is Dr. Fred Wiegman of Akron, Ohio.

### Dibelius is traveling

There wouldn't be much time on the way back from Moscow for Bishop Otto Dibelius to stop in Berlin to tell German Protestants about his talks with church and state officials in Russia. Next trip on the Dibelius schedule is to the United States where he speaks Dec. 11 to the assembly of the National Council of Churches in Denver and Dec. 14 to Lutherans in Philadelphia's Academy of Music.

Russians invited him for an eight-day visit in late November. There is propaganda value for the Communists in having the famous church leader come to Moscow. The journey might quiet the fears of some Germans that Russians intend to destroy their church.

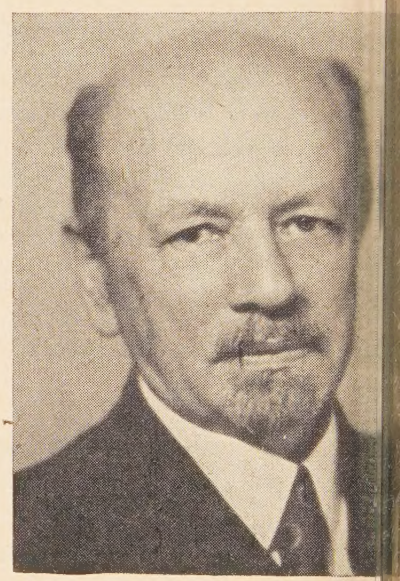
But the propaganda value will evaporate when the bishop's next move is to visit the United States. Communists wish he would stay away from America (where he twice visited President Truman at the White House).

### Troubles at home

With courage and shrewdness Bishop Dibelius had maneuvered within the narrow limits of tolerance still granted the church in the German East Zone. The fact that the clergy of the Berlin-Brandenburg diocese have been 99 per cent loyal to his leadership gives him strength in dealing with the Communists who aren't ready for a head-on battle with the church.

This month Bishop Dibelius reported that only two members of the Berlin-Brandenburg church administration—he and his associate, Dean Heinrich Gruber—are permitted to travel in the Soviet Zone. Two-thirds of the 6 million members of the synod (mostly Luth live in the Soviet Zone.

The synod has volunteered to its offices into the Soviet sector lin, he said. That would free othe bers of the administrative staff to among parishes in the Commun trolled territory. But permission move has not been given.



BISHOP OTTO DIBELIUS
*Spans Iron Curtain*

The bishop protested also Communist refusal to let West Zo tors serve in the East Zone wher is an insufficient number to prov all congregations. If the situatio tinues, said Bishop Dibelius, it necessary to ordain laymen witho ological training.

### No snow ordered for NCC assem

Eastern Ohio was blanketed un heaviest snow in its history at the

nber two years ago when 600 dele-
waded through the drifts to Cleve-
Music Hall for the first assembly
National Council of Churches.
y at 11 A.M. on Nov. 29 Dr. Frank-
ark Fry read the official words,
*lare that the National Council of*
*hurches of Christ in the United*
*of America is officially con-*
*d . . .*"

years later and 1,400 miles farther
ne NCC will meet again (Denver,
'-12) to check on how well it is
ssing through its infancy. Its divi-
nd departments have become im-
t agencies in American interde-
ational co-operation.

dline speakers will be Bishop Otto
ns of Berlin and John Foster Dulles
gotiated the Japanese peace treaty
ar and might be Secretary of State
Eisenhower cabinet.

ed Lutherans have 24 places in
embly, among the 600 delegates of
ominations.

### lusive merger for Augustana

spring the Augustana Lutheran
decided at its annual convention
would not take part in a merger
only five churches had been in-
enter. The Augustana Church
wouldn't come in unless all Lu-
denominations in America get an
n to join also.

month Augustana representatives
l the five-church merger com-
neeting and made their proposal
ner Lutherans be permitted to
planning a united church. An-
m representatives of the churches
e already agreed to plan an ex-
nerger was that they "were with-
thority from their respective
bodies to include all other Lu-
odies in said negotiations."

That answer left Augustana "only one door through which to go," said Dr. Oscar A. Benson, Augustana Church president, as he and his associates prepared to pack up. "You may walk one way and we another, but some day we shall meet at the crossroads." The Augustana Church was given a standing invitation to come back into the merger discussions whenever it wishes.

### Evangelism secretary chosen

A new leader of the evangelism program of the United Lutheran Church was chosen this month by the church's Board of Social Missions. He is the Rev. Lloyd E. Jacobson of St. James' Church, Portland, Oregon. If Pastor Jacobson accepts the appointment, he will be the successor of Dr. Royal E. Lesher who left the evangelism post a year ago and is now president of the Texas Synod.

Mr. Jacobson is a graduate of Carroll College in Wisconsin and of Northwestern Seminary. He was campus pastor at the University of Wisconsin, a U.S. Navy chaplain during the war, and campus pastor at the University of California until called to Portland in 1947. He is 41.

### Boards elect presidents

Next step after a United Lutheran Church convention elects members for the nine ULC boards is for the boards to reorganize for the new two-year term of service. The Executive Board has the president of the church, Dr. Franklin Clark Fry, as its chief executive. Officers of the other eight boards are being named at meetings in November and December.

This month the Board of Publication chose as president an attorney from Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, Paul H. Rhoads. A former staff secretary of the Board of Social Missions, Dr. Oscar W. Carlson of Baltimore, was elected president of

that board. He was secretary of evangelism 1942-46.

Dr. Alvin E. Bell of Toledo was re-elected to the presidency of the Board of Deaconess Work. Mr. W. G. Semisch, a Philadelphia banker, was chosen for another term as president of the Board of Pensions.

### Bishops answer school critics

All American children should go to public schools to avoid undermining the nation's democracy by splitting the population apart, it was said last April at a schoolmen's meeting in Boston. Most prominent of the critics of the private schools was Harvard University's president, James B. Conant.

This month a loud answer to critics of the parochial schools came from the Roman Catholic bishops of the United States. Following their annual meeting in Washington they issued an eloquent 3,500-word warning against irreligion in the nation's life. There are some, said the bishops, who "seek to remove all influence of religion from public life. Their main efforts are centered on the divorce of religion from education. Their strategy seems to be: first to secularize completely the public school and then to claim for it a total monopoly of education."

### State must help

Roman Catholic bishops said they are not "enemies of public education. We recognize that the state has a legitimate and even necessary concern with education. But if religion is important to good citizenship . . . the state must give recognition of its importance in public education.

"The state, therefore, has the duty to help parents fulfill their task of religious instruction and training. When the state fails in this help, when it makes the task more difficult and even penalizes p who try to fulfill this duty accord conscience, by depriving their child their right under our Federal Co tion to auxiliary services, this can be regarded as an utterly unfai short-sighted policy.

"Even more alarming are the to create a monopoly of education secularized public school. To one cherishes the American tradition, alarming to hear all non-public tion denounced as divisive."

The "auxiliary services" which man Catholics want extended to church schools in the United Sta clude free bus transportation, lunches as provided in public sc textbooks at state expense.

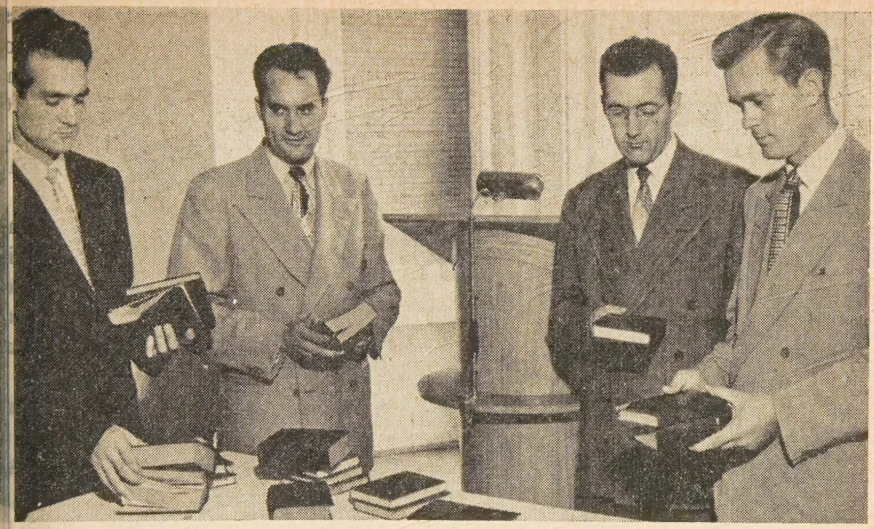
### Parochial schools expand

Enrollment at Roman Catholic s is increasing twice as rapidly as in lic schools, it was reported this m Buildings are multiplying at a recor to care for the growing enrollment. construction projects estimated t $288 million were begun in 10 m of 1952.

The Roman Catholic diocese of ester, New York, got 48 per cent money than it asked for in a can for new high school buildings, i reported in November. Goal $3,045,500. Cash and pledges t $4,505,185. Much of the money from non-Catholics, said Bishop E. Kearney, especially from local ness firms. Catholics plan three new schools in the city, and others in E and Auburn, New York.

### Won't give Norwegian Church fre

A long campaign to transfer aut over the Church of Norway from th liament to a church council seeme to fail this month. A parliamentary



EVANGELISTS BUSY AGAIN IN ITALY

*ıll police broke up services held in Italy by Church of Christ missionaries from S. Congressmen persuaded the State Department to intervene. This month the lists were holding meetings again. Alfredo Schuster, Roman Catholic cardinal an, explained that "in a nation where the majority is Catholic by profession, on, and civilization, Protestantism tends to break the national unity"*

ı said the proposal might make urch independent of the state, that esent relation between church and s satisfactory, and that among the gian people there is no strong de- for a change.

church council which was pro- would consist of the church's eight s, six other clergymen, and 21 lay- It would have authority in all in- affairs of the church. This pro- came from a group headed by Eivind Berggrav. The bishop ex- "deep disappointment" because n seemed doomed and said "of there can no longer be any talk ch reform." Only a few "trifling ıave been saved from the ruin" the commission's report.

parliament is likely to accept the e report of its commission, men believe.

## Tito hits hard

"When some slander against Yugoslavia is concocted, you may rest assured it has been concocted in the kitchen of either the Vatican or Moscow," Marshal Tito told a Communist Party congress at Zagreb this month. "On all important issues where the interests of our country are at stake, the Vatican and the Catholic hierarchy of the world are against us."

The Vatican tried to block foreign aid to Yugoslavia, hindered a settlement of the Italian-Yugoslav dispute over Trieste, and opposes Yugoslav attempts to establish good relations with other countries, said Tito.

A formal protest went to the Vatican this month from the Yugoslav foreign office, charging that the Vatican interfered in Yugoslav internal affairs by trying to halt the organization of pro-gov-

ernment associations of "patriotic priests." Yugoslavia is ready to make an agreement with the Vatican on church matters, the statement proposed, but it must provide for separation of church and state.

### Win on boycotting movie

A German court acquitted two Roman Catholic priests and five laymen this month on charges of creating a disturbance when they tried to enforce a boycott against a movie, *Die Spenderin*. The film depicts the life of a prostitute and has been condemned as immoral by Protestant and Roman Catholic churchmen.

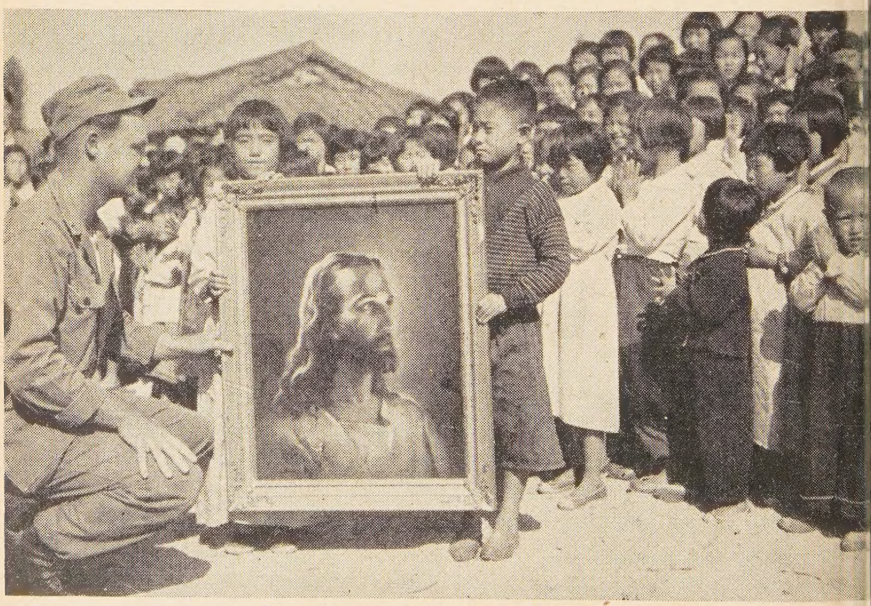
The priests led a demonstration against the film in Dusseldorf, trying to persuade people to stay out of the theater. In Muenchen-Gladbach a district court upheld the right of the West German Roman Catholic Film League to call for a boycott on theaters showing offensive pictures. A theater owner brought suit against the league.

In U.S. cities Roman Catholics tinued their campaign to stop the ing of Roberto Rossellini's picture *Miracle*. When the picture was sch for Philadelphia, the archdiocesan *Standard and Times,* appealed to olics to protest to the theater m ment. The showing was cancele Chicago the Police Censorship banned *The Miracle* as "immora obscene," although a U.S. Supreme decision found a New York City *The Miracle* unconstitutional.

### Americans have opinions

A check-up on what Episco think about social questions was re this month by the church's depa of Christian social relations. Sha ferences between opinions of cler and laymen were shown.

A poll showed that 76 per cent clergy think that racial and re minorities don't get a square deal U.S. Only 52 per cent of the lay



PICTURE FOR KOREAN YOUNGSTERS

*GIs learned how much Korean children love pictures and gave them th*

o. Thirteen per cent of the clergy "segregation in the church," and cent of the laity.

whether the church should take a n on specific social questions, 64 nt of the clergy said yes, 44 per the laity.

nodists were queried by their magazine, The *Christian Advo-* Fifty-eight per cent said they don't ll-out military action to end the n war. Eighty-nine per cent favor Four aid to underdeveloped na- Fifty-four per cent favor federal of oil lands under the ocean.

### om bigotry

e was no appeal to race prejudice ious bigotry on the national level U.S. presidential campaign ending , said Roman Catholic, Protestant, wish leaders last week. "During npaign the major candidates scrup- avoided appealing to the intoler- f the prejudiced. There were no against any racial or religious

leaders, including Bishop Henry Sherrill of the National Council rches and Roman Catholic Bishop V. O'Hara of Kansas City, called lic education to lift election cam- to "a constantly higher level of l, dignity, and fairness." They said ook forward to the time when all gns, including state and local, will ducted on the high plane that was the presidential candidates of

eorgia prominent church leaders t impressed by Governor Herman ge's campaign about the "county lan of voting proposed as an ent to the state constitution. The r injected the race question into npaign in "an almost criminal" manner, said Dr. Leonard Cochran of St. Luke's Methodist Church in Columbus, Georgia.

### And so forth

Men should be willing to help in the church's nursery departments, proposed Dr. Milton Senn of Yale's Child Study Center. "Men tend to shy away from nursery-age children for fear they will be called 'sissy,' " he said. But three-year-olds need the masculine touch in providing "leadership that will assure later development into emotional and religious maturity," he said.

A Moslem mosque should be built in Rome, people of the Islamic faith have proposed. Whether or not the Italian government will permit such a building is not known. Mosques have been constructed in London and Paris, and one is now nearing completion in Washington.

No homework can be required of children studying in church classes in Hungary, Archbishop Giulio Czapik ruled this month. Questions are not to be asked in the classroom. In an effort to keep within the limits of government rulings on classes conducted by the church, the form of teaching must be different from that in the state schools.

Lutherans are a fair cross-section of the U.S. population, Dr. David W. Barry told home mission executives this month. They come close to the nation's averages on income, he said. Upper brackets—national average, 13 per cent . . . Lutherans 11. Middle income—national 31 per cent . . . Lutherans 36. Lower income—national 56 per cent . . . Lutheran 53. Lutherans are 18 per cent "white collar workers" (national average 20), 26 per cent farmers (national 17), 43 per cent urban manual workers (national 44), 13 per cent business and professional (national 19).

# World News Notes

### Race riots in South Africa

There may be some tapering off in the battle of South African police against rioting Negroes. Those on both sides of the conflict may quiet down to await the outcome of elections in April. The Malan government has decided it will have to wait for the elections to gain enough power to put into effect its drastic segregation of the colored races.

Until Mr. Malan announced that decision there had been a crescendo of violence as colored people engaged systematically in breaking race laws. Ten were killed in one city—including a Roman Catholic nun—when Negroes held a meeting contrary to the law banning public assemblies. At least 40 people died in brawls with the police in various places this month.

In mid-November the United States delegates at the United Nations assembly announced they are against the UN taking a stand on the South African race problem. "The power of world opinion," they said, will have more effect on Premier Malan's policies than any UN action.

### Mau Mau under control

British soldiers had moved swiftly this month to subdue the fanatic Mau Mau society in Kenya, their East African colony. The Mau Mau have sworn to drive out the whites. They attack the farms of the white settlers, killing their cattle, burning their houses and barns, and sometimes murdering the farmers.

The white population numbers nearly 38,000, as compared to 123,000 Indians, 24,000 Arabs—and 5,450,000 native Africans. The 2,000 white farmers live well, even luxuriously according to native standards.

Crux of the Kenya crisis is land. Until the settlers came, the native held much of their land in common whites, under a British protectorate lished in 1895, declared the land gc ment-owned. They paid the n nothing for it, except in some cas buildings and standing crops. In way, the whites gradually got cont 16,700 square miles—an area as la Massachusetts and New Hampshire bined. In this vast region, native not allowed to own any land, alt they can barely sustain themselves c poorer soil which has been left to

Politically, the Africans hav power. There is a Legislative C consisting of 42 Europeans, 6 Af 6 Indians, 2 Arabs. Not even th cated and property-owning native cans are allowed to vote; their repre tives on the council are selected b Europeans through the British gov Offenses by blacks against whites a more drastically punished than th whites against blacks.

### Tito gets ahead

Marshal Tito's Yugoslavia has n steadily forward this fall toward a s and prosperous situation on the pean map. Trade relations with Germany are leaping ahead, with mans granting Yugoslavs liberal and getting the biggest share of the war business.

A defense alliance including slavia, Greece, and Turkey was considered this fall. A well-orga bloc of nations standing together the Mediterranean would be an ass western Europe as a shield against sia. Tito seems eager also to ge good terms with Italy, and may succeed in settling the Trieste pro

SHINGTON IS BUZZING with transi- In the executive agencies, a change ninistration means the departure of people whose names and faces have e familiar, and the coming of oth- take their place. In Congress, of the same people are still there, e leadership changes hands.

landslide for Eisenhower was not eeping in Congressional elections. Senate, a two-member lead (49- s sliced even thinner by Senator 's disavowal of his party. With House contests undecided a week he election, Republicans had won ore than the 218 votes necessary ntrol.

### ittee chairmen

most obvious result of the shift in ship is that Republicans will head werful standing committees. Be- chairmen are chosen by seniority, f these posts will go to the conserv- of the party

itor Robert Taft will head the and Public Welfare Committee, deals with such matters as the Taft- / Act and federal aid to education. Bridges will be chairman of either propriations or the Armed Services ittee.

sing legislation will be handled by nking and Currency Committee, Homer Capehart as chairman. McCarthy will head the Govern- Operations Committee, which can gate any federal agency.

rman of the key Foreign Rela- ommittee will be Alexander Wiley, is shown recent signs of favoring rtisan foreign policy. Immigra- atters will be dealt with by the ry Committee, headed by William Langer, author of the amendment to the DP Act which provided for the entry of ethnic Germans.

In the House, the all-powerful Rules Committee, which can shelve any legislation, will be headed by Leo Allen, who was backed by The Chicago *Tribune*. Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee will be Robert Chiperfield, who has been against the Point Four program, grain to India, mutual security appropriations, and economic aid abroad.

Jesse Wolcott, foe of public housing, will head the Banking and Currency Committee. The Appropriations Committee will be chaired by ax-wielding John Taber.

### Issues

The major issue facing the new Congress will be that of foreign policy, with the interlocking problems of the war in Korea and U.S. relationships with its western allies and the emerging Asian-Arab bloc. Key decisions will be the size of the military budget and of the foreign aid program. Domestic issues will include the lowering of taxes and the renewal of price and wage controls.

For 20 years the Republicans have performed the valuable function of minority criticism. It will be quite different to have to face tough problems at home and abroad and accept the major responsibility for finding solutions.

A conservative coalition cannot provide an adequate answer. The American people will expect from Congress a combination of sane internationalism and forward-looking domestic policy, and a willingness to accept the constructive leadership of President-elect Eisenhower.

—ROBERT E. VAN DEUSEN

PACIFIC Seminary inaugurated its first president, Dr. Charles B. Foelsch (center), as sco visitors, including many ULCA convention delegates, watched the ceremonies at

# Inaugural Deluge

By RICHARD T. SUTCLIFFE

**Not since 1948 has the United Lutheran Church experie such a flood of inaugurations of institutional presi**

FIVE COLLEGES and two seminaries—almost one-third of the United Lutheran Church in America's institutions of higher learning—have installed and/or inaugurated new presidents during the last 40 days!

Not since 1948 when four colleges named new prexies has there been such a concentration of changeover.

STARTING WITH the Oct. 17 ceremonies at Pacific Seminary, the inaugurals have occurred on the campuses of Carthage (Oct. 21), Midland (Oct. 22), Gettysburg (Oct. 25), Thiel (Nov. 6), Wagner (Nov. 8) colleges and Philadelphia Seminary (Nov. 19) and in rapid order.

The new administrators at Getty Thiel and Wagner Colleges were la the others were United Lutheran pa In the case of Gettysburg, the new ident had arrived via the presidenc sister institution, Wagner.

PACIFIC AND PHILADELPHIA semi had obtained their new heads fro pastorate; so had Midland and Ca colleges. Thiel had secured a U missionary (India); Wagner dippe the business field in the U.S. capit

For Pacific Seminary, of course getting started, it was a *first* pres For tradition-bound Philadelphia nary, it was the *fifth*. Gettysbur

ng its eighth president, Midland its At Thiel and Wagner, the dozenth dent was arriving. Carthage's man ts fifteenth occupant of the pres- s house.

### Pacific Seminary

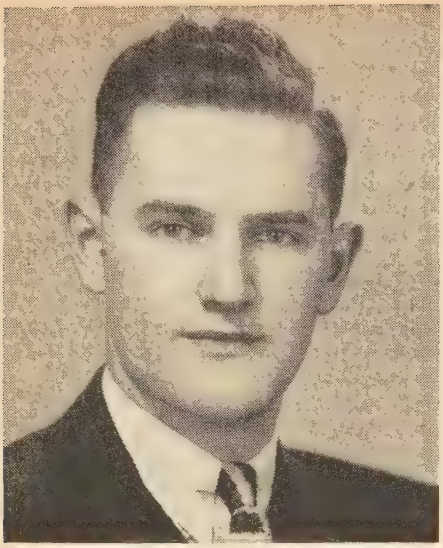
Charles B. Foelsch, former pastor ly Trinity Church, New York City, naugurated the first president of c Lutheran Theological Seminary 17 in St. Michael's Church, Berk- California. ULCA President Frank- ark Fry delivered the inaugural ad- Participants included: (*see cut ite*) Dr. Gerhard Lenski, guest pro- of theology; Dr. Harry J. Mumm, sor of Biblical studies; Dr. E. lore Bachmann, professor of church y; Dr. John L. Sawyer, president of ary board of directors; ULCA of Education Secretary Gould y; Pacific Synod President Law- Steinhoff; and California Synod's entative, Dr. Carl V. Tambert. ong those attending inauguration were many delegates and visitors to Seattle ULCA convention, who took advantage of their presence on West Coast.

### Carthage College

Dr. Harold H. Lentz, former pastor of Trinity Church, Ashland, Ohio, was installed and inaugurated fifteenth president of Carthage College Oct. 21 in the Field House of the Illinois institution. Dr. Franklin Clark Fry performed the installation; the inaugural address was delivered by Dr. Charles L. Anspach, president of the Central Michigan College of Education. Actual inauguration was performed by Dr. Gould Wickey. Other participants included: Wartburg Synod President R. R. Belter, Iowa Synod President Alfred J. Beil, Northwest Synod President Paul Bishop, Illinois Synod President Harmon McGuire.

Three predecessors of Dr. Lentz—Dr. I. W. Bingaman (1933-35), Dr. Harvey D. Hoover (1909-26), and Dr. Wickey (1926-29)—were present for ceremonies (*see cut below*).

AGE'S 15th president, Dr. Harold H. Lentz (second from left) had three predecessors— an, Hoover and Wickey—in his inaugural party at the Illinois college



FREDRIC B. IRVIN
*. . . Thiel's 12th (Nov. 6)*

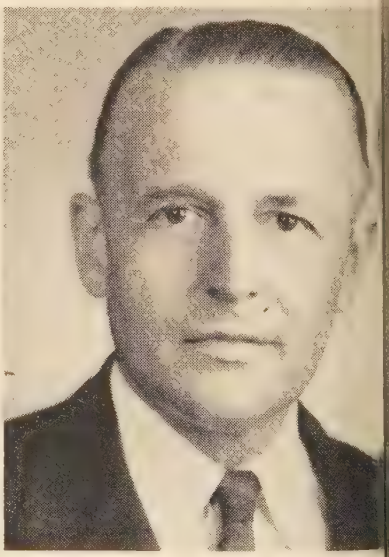
### Midland College

Dr. Paul W. Dieckman, former pastor of Grace Church, Lakeland, Florida, and a former assistant to the president of Wagner College, Staten Island, New York, was inaugurated ninth president of Midland College on Oct. 22 in ceremonies conducted in the Fremont (Nebr.) Municipal Auditorium. The inaugural address was delivered by Pacific Seminary President Charles Foelsch. Installation of Dr. Dieckman was performed by Dr. Arthur H. Pinkall, president of the board of trustees. Dr. Gould Wickey brought the greetings of the United Lutheran Church. Other participants included: Kansas Synod President Ernest Tonsing, Nebraska Synod President Theodore J. C. Schuldt, Dean William F. Zimmerman, and Midwest Synod President Lorin Wolff.

Over 1,200 persons, including representatives from both East and West Coast Lutheranism, attended the inauguration.

### Gettysburg College

Dr. Walter C. Langsam, former
ident of Wagner College, Staten
New York, was inaugurated eighth
ident of Gettysburg College on C
in outdoor ceremonies on the bat
campus. Hiram H. Keller, vice
man of the board of trustees and
inent United Lutheran layman,
formed the official induction cere
Participating in the program
ULCA President Franklin Clark
ULCA Board of Education Sec
Gould Wickey, Central Penns



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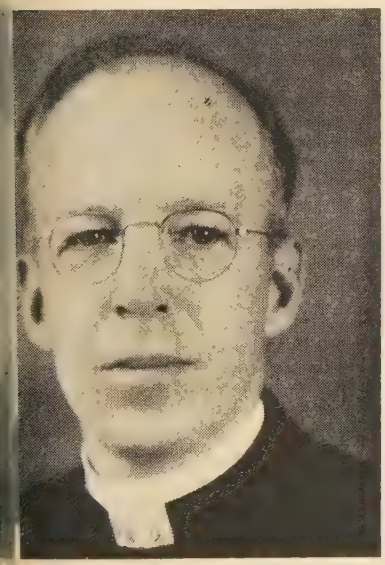
President Ralph Tabor, Pittsburgh
Representative (Rev.) Elmer F.
and Dean W. E. Tilberg.

### Thiel College

Dr. Fredric B. Irvin, former mi
ary to the United Lutheran missio
in India, was inaugurated twelfth

of Thiel College on Nov. 6 in cere- conducted in Rissell Gymnasium campus of the Greenville (Pa.) ion. Participants included Dr. Wickey, Temple University Prov- llard Gladfelter, Pittsburgh Synod nt G. Lawrence Himmelman and . Reed Shepfer, former president Pittsburgh Synod.

Irvin is Thiel's second lay pres- ts first being his immediate prede- Dr. William F. Zimmerman who d to his own alma mater, Midland , following nine years as president.



HENRY H. BAGGER
*phia Seminary's 5th (Nov. 19)*

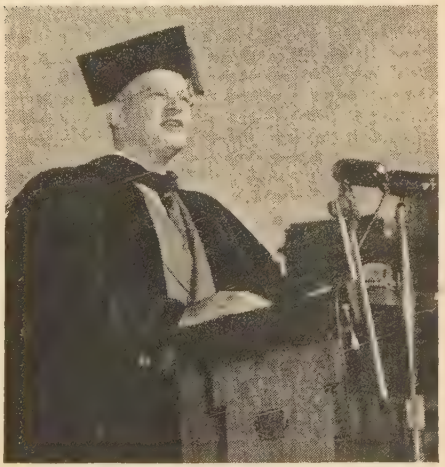
### Wagner College

David M. Delo, former executive of the American Geological In- nd executive secretary of the geo- nd geographical division of the l Research Council, was inaug- welfth president of Wagner Col- Nov. 8 in ceremonies conducted college gymnasium on Grymes Hill, Staten Island, N. Y. The new president delivered the principal address at the ceremonies; others participating included ULCA President Franklin Clark Fry, New York Synod President Frederick Knubel, New Jersey Synod President Edwin Knudten, Richmond Borough President Cornelius J. Hall, Dr. Guy Snavely, executive secretary of the American Association of Colleges and Universities and Dean Adolph J. Stern.

Wagner officials ruefully refer to the Staten Island institution as "the modern mother of ULCA college presidents": Dr. Delo's two immediate predecessors—Dr. Walter C. Langsam and Dr. Clarence C. Stoughton have since become presidents of sister colleges—Gettysburg and Wittenberg, respectively.

### Philadelphia Seminary

Dr. Henry H. Bagger, former pastor of Trinity Church, Lancaster, Pa., and a member of the ULCA's Executive Board, was inaugurated fifth president of Philadelphia Lutheran Theological Seminary on Nov. 19 at ceremonies con-



WALTER C. LANGSAM
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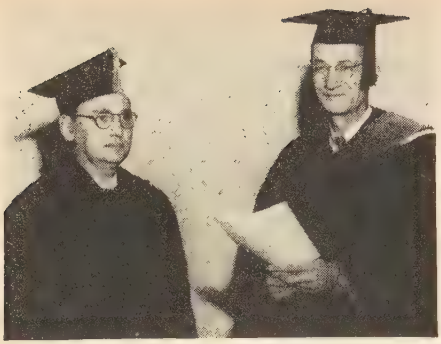


MIDLAND College's new president, Dr. Paul Dieckman (left) with Board President Pinkall

ILLINOIS Synod President McGuire Carthage's President Lentz in Oct. 21 cer

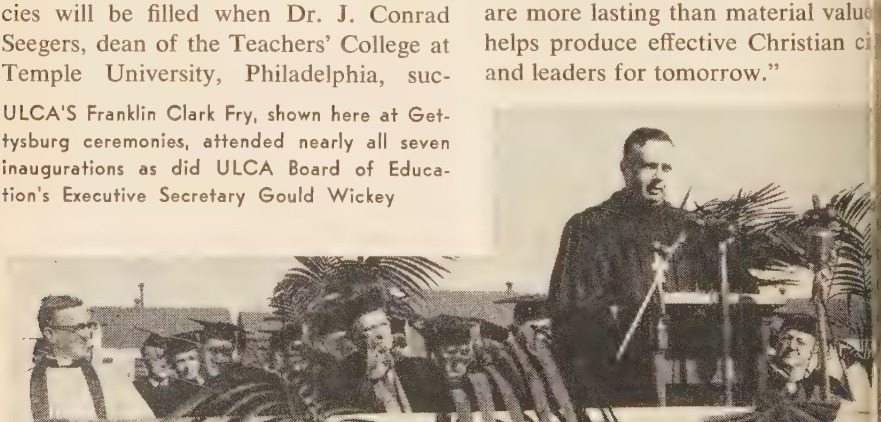
ducted in Holy Communion Church in downtown Philadelphia. Participating were: ULCA President Franklin Clark Fry, New Jersey Synod President Edwin Knudten, Ministerium of Pennsylvania President Emil E. Fischer, New York Synod President Frederick Knubel, Pittsburg Synod President G. Lawrence Himmelman and Dr. George R. Seltzer, of the seminary faculty.

EARLY NEXT YEAR—Feb. 2, to be exact —the last of the vacant college presidencies will be filled when Dr. J. Conrad Seegers, dean of the Teachers' College at Temple University, Philadelphia, suc-

ceeds Dr. Levering Tyson as he Muhlenberg College. Dr. Seeger become the sixth president of the town, Pennsylvania, institution an first Muhlenberg alumnus to retu his Alma Mater's top post.

To paraphrase one president was, unavoidably, a certain sim among inaugural speeches . . . bu am I, confirming the same pri once more: a Christian higher edu emphasizes the dignity of the indi . . . teaches students that spiritual are more lasting than material value helps produce effective Christian c and leaders for tomorrow."

ULCA'S Franklin Clark Fry, shown here at Gettysburg ceremonies, attended nearly all seven inaugurations as did ULCA Board of Education's Executive Secretary Gould Wickey



# U CAN'T READ THIS STATEMENT—

## ORDING TO POLICE ORDERS IN THE RUSSIAN ZONE OF GERMANY

HIS MESSAGE to the congregations in the east and west zones was formulated tober at a synod meeting of the Evangelical Church in Germany. It is a calm brave challenge to Christians everywhere. Orders against reading it in East churches were announced by the Red government.

r world is still rent apart by the between the two great groups of s which face each other in fear and l. But in our own country the nism has reached such a pitch that an forces are being raised in the nd West which can be used against nother.

y causes lie beneath this fatal of the danger. One of them is ourselves, and we know that we led to change it. We have not set ample of unity which would have is worthy of faith in the eyes of pple. We have not striven suf- to hold together in the fellow- prayer and brotherly counsel the ns who are in responsible posi- political life. God, whose hand avy upon us, still desires our con- and change of heart. He who in His mercy still leaves us time, calls us to set our whole hope on Him . . . His Word warns us against putting our faith in the biggest battalions, and against fearing what looks like ineluctable fate.

TODAY, IN ALL our own impotence and bewilderment, we yet call once more for acts of peace. We are, of course, not in a position to prescribe or absolve regarding the decisions to be taken by responsible politicians. But we ask all those whom it may concern to leave no avenue unexplored which might possibly lead to understanding, and to establish no further factors by which the division of our people, with its disastrous consequences for the whole world, may threaten to continue indefinitely.

We ask them to be mindful, as we are, that God sits in governance and shows to them that believe in Him sure paths, where our own paths lead to the abyss. To our brethren in the East and in the West of our torn and tortured people we say, There is no despair for which God's help has not been forthcoming, but at the same time there is no security which God, who desires that we should find certainty in His grace alone, would not shatter to pieces. We recall to those who feel secure the One who allowed himself to be nailed to the cross for us, but to those who are in despair we call to mind the same Lord whom God raised from the dead.

And turning to our brethren in the East, we would say this: We know your miseries, your sighing under the oppression of disregard for your rights and obligation to falsehood, your dread of dispossession and arrest. Yet God is far more deeply aware than we, and even than you yourselves, of your wretchedness, of your temptation to harden your hearts and to repay hatred with hatred and despair with despair, of that desolation in which you think you can no longer care for good and evil, truth and falsehood, but only how you are to get through.

Though we do not venture to say anything to you, yet we cry to you through the Word of God: Have faith in the great things which God has in store for you! You can be very sure that in you and through you He will perform His works. You may thank Him that the light of His Gospel is shining in the darkness, as we thank Him for much that we hear of your faith and endurance.

You are enabled to experience afresh what a blessing it is to belong to the people of the Lord, and how the house of God is the place where man can be man with his brother. And you younger ones, faced with such especially difficult trials, you are able to stand together in the youth organization of the church, and bow the knee before the King of kings when many prostrate themselves to idols.

You parents, whose children are having a philosophy forced upon them at school which has no desire to know God, you are able to intercede to God for those children, and help them find the way to Him in whose name they were baptized. All of you who have to stand each in his own occupation, workmen and laborers, teachers and doctors, mayors and policemen, all of you can dare to do something human for the human ings with whom you have to do. can all believe that the grace of God and shall gain the victory, that we praise Him together with you.

And turning to our brethren in West, we would say this: We know miseries you are struggling to allay refugee camps and the desperate sho of accommodation, we know your t tation to forget everything beyond construction, and to sink into satiety security. God is more deeply aware we, and even than you yourselves. you are in danger of denying the of Christ in the name of Christian losophy and civilization, and of fa prey to the propagation of hatred an merciless slandering of opponents in striving of freedom.

Yield not to the temptation to that the end justifies the means. Yet may be grateful for everything that has given you in the way of freedo belief, legal security and manifold crease in well-being. You can ex your gratitude in brotherly kindnes self-sacrificing solidarity with the ugees who are seeking new homes you, and in standing up for your b ers in the East, whom we beseech in the name of God not to abandon leave to their own devices.

All of us, whether we have our of service and abiding in the East o West, can join with all Christians in whole world in the certain knowl that in the Lord all they that belon Him belong to one another. We can dure, in the place where God has se in responsibility for our fellowmen, in the certainty that we shall abide live in Christ even though we die. can stand up for one another even w the other is in constraint of conscie

respect every conscientious decision
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rience demanded by authority.

e are in no position either to give
sel in matters of conscience which
be equally binding upon everyone.
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selves in a position where they can-
without doing violence to their con-
ce, take up arms, we say once again
we are ready to stand up on their
lf, not only in intercession to God
but before the political authorities, if they reject all military service on grounds of conscience.

God, with whom it lies to give us peace and to protect us from the judgment of a fresh war, is Lord of our future. He is the Lord and Judge of the world's history, and is guiding it towards the day when He shall appear in His majesty. Whosoever hopes upon Him shall not be confounded. But if ye believe not, neither do you remain!

# TIME FOR THANKSGIVING

PLE OF THE UNITED STATES ARE CALLED BY THEIR PRESIDENT IN THE
DITIONAL THANKSGIVING PROCLAMATION TO SET ASIDE A DAY FOR
TITUDE TO GOD FOR ABUNDANT BLESSINGS HE HAS GIVEN US

N THE CYCLE of the seasons, another year marked by the abundance of God's is nearing its end. At such a time we are wont to turn to Him and with humble s to offer thanks as a nation for His manifold blessings.

Ve are moved by the inspiring autumnal beauty of our land, which uplifts the s of men. We are thankful for the natural and human resources which have ed us not only to enjoy high material and spiritual standards ourselves but also p others in the effort to achieve or protect their well-being.

'e are grateful for the privileges and rights inherent in our way of life, and in ular for the basic freedoms, which our citizens can enjoy without fear. This t is especially fitting that we offer a prayer of gratitude for the spirit of unity binds together all parts of our country and makes us one nation indivisible.

ow, therefore, I, Harry S. Truman, president of the United States of America, rming to our hallowed custom, and in consonance with the joint resolution of ress approved on Dec. 26, 1941, do hereby call upon all our people to celebrate day, Nov. 27, 1952, as Thanksgiving Day.

n that day let us, with a full awareness of our privileges and a deepening sense obligations which they entail, each in his own way, but together as a whole e give due expression to our thanks, and let us humbly endeavor to follow the of righteousness in obedience to the will of Almighty God.

# Million People on Scrap Pile

By CHRIS CHRISTIANSEN

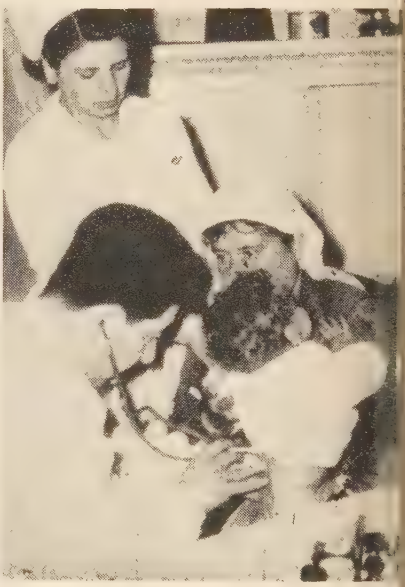
**There's no place to go and no work to do among refugees from Palest**
**They need food, clothing, and friends who will help solve their prob**

FOUR YEARS AGO about 868,000 Arabs from Palestine had to leave their homes in towns and villages of what is now Israel. The great majority of these homeless people are still living in camps, most of them in tents; but many in vacated army barracks and other public buildings. There are over 200,000 refugees living in the Gaza district, a strip of land of old Palestine which is about 25 miles long and only five miles wide. Others are living in Lebanon, Syria and the Kingdom of the Jordan east and west of the River Jordan.

Since May 1950 the care of the Palestinian refugees has been in the hands of the United Nations Relief and Work Agency, UNRWA. I knew this before I left Geneva for Lebanon and Syria some weeks ago. What I didn't know was how the refugees live and what their feelings are. One doesn't need a long time to learn this. Let me quote my diary from my first camp visit:

The Nahr el Bared camp just outside Tripoli has over 7,000 inhabitants. They are living in hundreds of tents right on the beach of the Mediterranean at the foot of the mountains of Lebanon. I noticed how many of the tents had been torn by the wind and how the people had tried their best to repair them by patches of many different colors.

It was obvious that many of the tents



PATIENTS IN PALESTINE
*Lutherans provided the medical h*

were too old and unsuitable to pr
human beings against the burning
heavy rain, or strong winds. The P
tinian camp doctor told me how
severity of the winter had brought b
sufferings to many of the refugees.
a couple of months ago strong g
reaching a force of 100 miles per h
wrecked hundreds of tents on the c
It had rained for four days consecuti
Many, many refugees were renc
homeless, their tents torn to ribbon
the fury of the wind and the rain.

FROM TRIPOLI we went to Baalbel
old town on the way from Beir
Damascus. We visited 2,600 refu

Mr. Christiansen is stationed at the office opened July 1 in Damascus, Syria, by the Lutheran World Federation Service to Refugees.

ıg in army barracks which had for-
ly been occupied by the French
ps. I was hardly out of the car be-
I was surrounded by a huge crowd
angry-looking, shouting men: "Are
an American?" "No," was my an-
. "Then you must be British." I
that I am from Denmark. "But
do you come here? Are you a tour-
We don't want any tourists here and
don't want you to come in if you
from the United Nations."
was happy to tell them I came as a
esentative of the Lutheran World
eration Service to Refugees and the
ose of my visit was to find out in
h way we can be of best service to
. Then I was welcomed to their
e and one said: "We hope that you
report to your people what you see
try to get them to understand that a
injustice has been done to us Arabs
Palestine."
e went into some of the barracks.
the big rooms were crowded with
women, and children. And as I
through with the camp leader and
nterpreter, they looked upon us as
als in a zoo watch visitors. The
gs were spotted with great patches
mp and only the top of the walls
ated that they had been whitewashed
years ago. Ropes, supported by
, were drawn from one wall to an-
, and from them, dividing the space
maller squares or "rooms," hung old
of sacking, torn and patched and
n with dust and dirt.
ch of these "rooms" was a home
ding accommodation for one family.
is way one of the big rooms had
divided up into 58 smaller "rooms"
ius providing homes for 58 families
4 persons. Not one family had even
e or a chair—only big rolls of bed-
pushed up by day against those

BOY REFUGEE
*LWR took care of him*

sacking walls and unrolled by night to become the common family bed for four, five, six, or more persons.

WHAT A SMELL of dirt there was, and what a noise of shouting and screaming children. Their mothers did their best to quiet them down but without great success. How awful it must be to live here day and night. One is never alone. There is not the slightest possibility of having a private life. The worst thing is that the men have nothing to do. They are no longer the breadwinners, farmers, or anything. They are just husbands kept alive on a small ration of charity. They are without a job and without a cent in their pockets. The women are kept occupied to a certain extent by their children and by the preparation of the poor meals.

We drove to the next town. There I saw 120 tents on top of the roof of a three-story building. Over 500 Palestinians live here. Somewhere in the desert far away from any town I visited a so-called "hostel" which had been built 400 years ago to give shelter to pilgrims on their long way to Mecca. The hostel is now crowded with refugees. It is a succession of long tunnel-like caves, just another place like the one at Baalbek with lots of sacking, ropes, smoke, darkness, and dirt. An old Arab was sitting outside in the sunshine. I asked him what he used to do in Palestine. "Oh," he said, "I used to be very busy. I had my own hotel in Haifa."

THE REFUGEES I have met have been full of bitterness. They are disappointed and feel forgotten by everyone. They blame the British and they hate the Americans, and the United Nations is looked upon with great contempt. An Arab Christian told me: "The people of the West were our friends and protect for centuries. But now they have left with no other possibility than Mosl friendship."

The refugees live or "exist" on ratio supplied to them once a month by United Nations. Each person gets following small ration: 3.5 ounces flour, 4.4 ounces of margarine, a pou and a half of beans, a pound and a h of sugar, a pound of rice, a half-pou of oil, 3.5 ounces of soup. Even t small ration is the subject of many co plaints, being of low quality and of administered poorly.

How long shall this go on? Will t refugee state continue for ever? W this humiliation of a whole people? N where in western Germany or Aust have I seen refugees humiliated and degraded to such a subhuman level here. The refugee camps in the Mid East constitute a danger in the world day. Will we finally be able to win confidence of the Palestinian refuge

# A Thankful Spirit Shines Through

By KATHERINE BENION

**When you're truly grateful to God for the things He do each day it's bound to reveal itself in a happy dispositi**

WHEN I WAS ABOUT ten years old my parents once sent me on an errand to "the little old lady," as we children lovingly and appropriately called her. Although she lived in the humblest of homes and in meager circumstances, there was no one I'd rather visit. The moment she greeted me at the door, she gave me one of the happiest smiles I have ever seen. She made me feel that my visit was important to the comple ness of her day.

It happened to be the day befo Thanksgiving and she immediat brought me a large piece of pumpkin p and a glass of cold milk. "Little gi can always eat pie, I know," she said.

HER HUSBAND was putting on his jac to go outside when she reminded hi

w, John, don't forget to kill the kens before you go to the woods." hn's deeply furrowed face darkened. this fussin' over Thanksgiving," he bled. "I can't bother with chickens n I got wood and more wood to cut." e did not answer, knowing John ld kill the chickens but just had to plain first.

nen my childhood curiosity got the of me. I finally asked her the ques- that had been on my mind ever since ad known her and John. "Mrs. rer," I began, "isn't Mister John ever y about Thanksgiving or anything "

IE SAT DOWN BESIDE me on the couch. you grow older, you will find many like my John," she told me. "He s to be pleasant and kind—in fact, he always pictures himself like that—and about dinner time tomorrow when he sees the nice table set up, he'll really get that way, but he won't be away from the table long when he'll let all his Thanksgiving spirit die 'till the same time next year."

"But yours never seems to die. How do you keep it from dying?" I asked.

She smiled sweetly at the compliment, and leaned toward me, putting her hand on my arm.

"It's really very simple," she explained. "To me each day is a little life time in which I am thankful to God for each little thing He does for me. Always remember when you get a truly thankful spirit working inside you—not just on Thanksgiving or some other special day but all the time—it just can't help but shine through to the outside."

# God Helped for Eighty Years

By CAROLYN BOTELER

**My little laundress shocked me when she told her age but she inspired admiration by her courage for living**

SMALL, ELDERLY LAUNDRESS of- one day to take housecleaning Although she cared for the large ouse where she lived alone, I had surprised by her offer.

assured me that she did such all the time and that it was not too for her. I noted how willing she o do more in contrast to the feeling st older folk that they must do less. xplained that she wanted a regular ut employers thought her too old. ave me to understand the foolishness of their attitude since none of them could say she couldn't do the work. Evidently she did not think of herself as old. Certainly she didn't seem old.

I noticed that she was not only ready to do more—she was confident that she could. She arrived, all 90 pounds of her, to do the fall cleaning, wearing a pink, gathered dust-cap over her waved gray hair. She wore a neat little dress. Two curls brushed her rosy cheeks as she tackled her work with confidence of long experience.

SHE KNEW WHAT SHE wanted to do first and was telling me just how she would do it. On the stepladder cleaning basement walls, she remarked, "Some people won't believe me when I tell them I am 80 years old."

I gasped in fascination and alarm, but she was not joking. She was actually 80! She scoffed at my suggestion to get off the ladder and change to lighter work. She seemed to feel it was a slur at her age. In spite of my offers of glasses of tea or lemonade and advice to rest a bit, she worked five straight hours. She told of advising her married children when they talked of getting old, "Don't be an old man before you've been young."

"I believe you like to work," I remarked.

She paused to look at me. "I enjoy everything. I enjoy cooking. I cook my own meals three times a day—I don't just sit down to something cold. I cook a good meal. Did you ever try peas and noodles? You just cook your peas—" and she was off, describing some of her own good recipes.

I was reflecting as she talked how she accepted adversity and went on from there. There was no complaint from her. Once she mentioned a hardship she had gone through. "Well, my Saviour had to carry His cross," she said.

SHE TOLD ME how she kept up her large old house, the big yard, how she made a garden and canned fruits and vegetables each year.

"I'm always busy," she said with satisfaction. "Some people say they can't get work, but I have more than I can do. I had to refuse two women this week who wanted me to work for them. Then I'm busy at home. I like to sew a little. I like to read. I keep going all the time, but I sit down and read a few minutes if I get tired. I never lie dow

Eighty years old, I was thinking, ea ing her own living with this hard w yet enjoying life more fully than n tenths of the people I know.

"When I wake up every morning, like the old man who said he woke every morning just busting with an tion," she said.

I was reminded how many people all ages would like to waken every mo ing with her zest for living. Perhaps of the explanation was the many in ests she had.

"I LOVE FLOWERS," she was saying she got fresh hot suds. "I just love get out in the yard and work. I tol man who isn't well that he ought to out in the yard and get his hands in dirt. It would help him. I just have have an hour or so a day in the y I love flowers."

As she talked I saw another vi gleaming among the rest. She loved p ple and was generous and kind to th As she told of her many flowers shrubs she was promising me a cut from the moss-rose when the time right.

"I wish I had nothing to do but t flowers to shut-ins," she said. "I wo love that." I thought to myself tha visit from this 80-year-old would them more good than a tonic.

She said she planned to help her nei bor paper a bedroom that evening. just a small room," she added.

Something was worrying me and I proached it hesitantly. "Don't you th you are working too hard? Surely could get a pension and take just lighter work you wanted."

"Pension—me? That's for people w are really old or who can't work. earn my own way while I can. I do

course, sometimes money is a little t—but I get along."

HE TOLD OF working part-time at a ory, taking her lunch bucket each ning at 6:30 and working as late as t night. She mentioned another job was to be regular until the employer d her age and nearly collapsed at g assured she was 80. Her work been satisfactory and in the rush he n't asked her age sooner.

s if she had not told me enough ities she began to describe her reg- attendance at church services and ings. She told how she loved to help dishes after banquets and dinners. ove to dabble in water," she con- , "they always say there'll be no s left when I'm there!" She told of ing the mile home in the moonlight. walked the distance often and ght nothing of it.

e liked pets, too. "You ought to see log—best friend I have since I live one. They say I spoil him and that's —I do. But no stranger would over my porch while he's there. ight I pin a paper over that front —the blind's gone. I feel someone t look in. They wouldn't come in," said belligerently, "or if they did d get it over the head with the first I could lay my hands on!"

had to laugh at the menace all 90 ds of her presented. "You're a er," I told her.

I WENT TO ANSWER the doorbell still puzzling over her remarkable courage.

When I returned I mentioned that someone had wanted to sell magazine subscriptions. Then the missing part fell in place. She told of subscribing to a religious magazine. "I cut out a good verse from it and I say it every night at bedtime. It's about the wonderful world we live in."

"Oh?" I said, wondering what was coming next.

She stopped her work and gave me a straight look. "Missus, I'd never have made it without my Maker's help." She began to tell me some of the things she had overcome in her long, work-filled life. I saw that she had the consciousness of God as a partner, that spiritual habits were second nature to her. She thought of God as a present help. It was not a thing apart but so interwoven into her life that the two were one.

She finished her work and regarded it with satisfaction. "There, I hope I've been some help."

"You certainly have," I told her. But I was thinking that the work was the least of it. It helped to be reminded that true success in living comes through use of the Help available to us all.

"I think you're a wonder," I said again.

And again she disclaimed credit. "Missus, I couldn't do anything if my Maker didn't help me."

NO DUTY IS MORE URGENT than that of returning thanks.
—ST. AMBROSE

WHETHER WE STUMBLE or whether we fall, we must only think of rising again and going on with our course. —FRANCIS DE FENELON

# FIVE MAKE A FAMILY

## DAY BEFORE THANKSGIVING

SUSIE SCAMPERED UP the steps to the back door. It was hard to tell whether her capers represented a war dance or some sort of primitive ritual connected with bringing home the spoils.

"If you don't stay out from under my feet, honey, I'm likely to drop this turkey right on top of you! He's mighty heavy for me to carry."

"He's big. I'll open the door."

"That will be a real help. That's the way. Hold it so it doesn't swing."

WE TROOPED THROUGH the shed into the kitchen, where I dropped my burden on the table with a plunk. "Open him up! Let me see," begged my little shadow.

I glanced at the clock and gave in. Three phone calls in the middle of the morning had thrown my schedule completely out of whack. The two about the LWR clothing drive were necessary, but I'd spent far too long talking to Jean Conworth. The nearer it gets to her time the more jittery she grows. It's often like that the first time, but it would be much simpler for everyone if she would just leave things to the Lord and her doctor.

Still, I hate to cut her off when she wants to talk and before I knew it I was miles behind in my work. I couldn't pick up the turkey before Susie came home from kindergarten, and since I didn't feel right about slipping out while she takes her nap, I took her to the market with me. There again I misjudged the time. It was impossible now to put her to bed before Karen and Pete had to be transported from school to a birthday party. Perhaps in heaven there will time for everything. There certainly i on earth. Either there isn't time c don't know how to plan mine.

"Let's take off our wraps and see w we have to do to this fellow. Put y mittens in your sleeves, remember."

WHEN WE'D HUNG up our things washed our hands, I started to unw the bird. Susie brought the kitchen s stool and climbed up beside me. plump little hands pulled off the paper, then started stroking the tur affectionately.

"He is soft and he is rough," she nounced. Then, inevitably, "Why?" sometimes wonder whether our heav Father gets as tired of our adult w as I do of hers. But, of course, I k that is putting limits to God's patie and thinking of Him as another hu being as the Greeks did.

Karen's been studying about Greeks in connection with her "cloth unit" at school, which makes me an thority on the subject. It seems the s ple beauty of Greek dress was an exp sion of the beauty they found ev where. Their myths, which I had gotten—along with 50 million ot things I once learned in school—are example. Things like Niobe turning i a fountain because she could not s crying and Narcissus becoming a flo so he could always stare into the p and admire his own reflection seem though they must be true because t are so fitting, so right.

r THE THING that started my
ghts rambling was the difference be-
n the gods they made up and the
God whom we know. Their gods are
understandable, human fellows. You
magine them getting out of patience
the faults of mankind, certainly, but
iod.

these things flashed through my
as I reached for a knife to cut out
large pinfeathers. "Why is the
y soft and rough?" I smiled. "May-
ou know yourself. What do you
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Cause God made him that way!"
rowed triumphantly. "That's why!"
f course." While I'd been thinking
sorts of explanations, I'd missed
ne she wanted.

here is his feathers?" came next,
at was easy. So was the answer to,
is he red and empty in the mid-

Susie hovered over our prospective
sgiving dinner as though she had
a new friend. I banished the fleet-
hought that it might be good to
her from the practical details and
t her see the fowl till tomorrow
he'd adorn our table in all his
Children are realists, I guess. At
ours are. They have far stronger
chs than I have, partly because Dan
have taken pains not to fill them
eelings of disgust.

AD THE TURKEY all ready to stuff
e time I had to leave to pick up
her children. We bustled "him"—
caught the use of the word from
and found myself thinking of "him"
ugh he had personality—into the
l space in the refrigerator, washed
nds again, put on our wraps, and
to the car. Backing out of the
ay, I cut the corner too sharp and
for a moment at a breath-taking
angle. Then the good old buggy righted itself, as though it, too, had a personality.

"That's a good girl," I approved. "Now, just keep going and do what I tell you and I'll finish everything I had planned for today."

As we pulled up before the school, it was hard to pick out Karen in the group of Pilgrim ladies milling about in the yard. She found us at once, however, and came running. "Can we take Blanche and Betty and Caroline and Agnes and —?"

"Wait a minute! Sounds like a busload. But you can take as many as the back seat will hold. Pete can sit front and you can fill the back."

"Come on, you kids!" she yelled in a tone that made me wonder whether she might be cut out for the police force. Women do everything else. I suppose they will soon be directing traffic and keeping the crowds in order at parades. I understand some of the European countries already have their women working as traffic police. Karen seems to be developing the lungs for it.

THEY PILED IN at her bidding. Then we waited for Pete. And we waited.

Finally Karen went to find him. And again we waited. When at last they appeared Pete was complaining bitterly, "But you knew I was boss carpenter in my grade and I had to help take the post office apart so we can build a firehouse after Thanksgiving. I don't even want to go to the old party!"

Poor Pete! Only in the second grade and already he has too many demands on his time!

The group in the back had no such divided loyalties, apparently. They chattered away 15 to the dozen as I headed down the street. Susie looked up at me, her eyes bright in spite of no nap, "I just love Thanksgiving!"

# You Get Religion at Home

**Attitudes and emotions are caught from our parents during the l period we are growing up. That's why Christian homes are import**

IF YOU ARE WRITING a history of scientific development, you write, primarily, the story of individuals struggling with the problem of learning something from the world around them. After the individuals come groups of people pooling their knowledge and their techniques.

But if you are writing a history of religion you are quite likely to be writing primarily (although not exclusively) of families. The history of Judaism begins with Abraham, then continues with his son, Isaac, and on with the third generation, Jacob. The whole remainder of the Old Testament is pretty much the story of their descendants, a family-nation; or, more precisely, God working through that family-nation.

IT IS NOT DIFFICULT to see why this should be true. A man's scientific knowledge may exist quite independently of his family life. It may have little or nothing to do with how he brings up his children, or how he treats his wife.

But what a man believes about God, or about right and wrong, will affect his family profoundly. It will, in fact, be the determining factor in how he brings up his children, and, to a large extent, what their belief about God will be.

The Bible doesn't indulge in sentimentalities about how idyllic family life is. It recognizes that the parents' tremendous influence on the religious and moral development of the child may factor for great good, or for eq great evil.

So the writer of Chronicles tells the twenty-second chapter, about Ahaziah: "He also walked in the of the house of Ahab, for his mother his counselor in doing wickedness." in the twenty-sixth chapter he tell Uzziah: "He also did that which right in the sight of the Lord accor to all that Amaziah his father did."

The closeness of the parent to child in one case produced evil, and sequent disaster. In the other, it duced righteousness. It all depende whether that parent-child relation was given to God or to the devil.

THE SAME CONTRAST is present in New Testament. Paul, writing to othy, says, "I often think of that gen faith of yours—a faith that first appe in your grandmother, Lois, ther Eunice your mother, and is now, I convinced, in you as well." Paul do go into detail on the matter, but reader senses here that a spiritual itage has been bequeathed to Timo

But the reader is presented wi grisly example of exactly the opp in the incident of the beheading of the Baptist. You remember the b ground: a drunken Herod, pleased the dancing of a young girl, promise

READINGS THIS WEEK: II Chronicles 26:4; Matthew 14:8; II Timothy 1:5.

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ing she asks for. Matthew records: she, at her mother's instigation, 'Give me John the Baptist's head on a platter!' "

s isn't to say that the Bible claims herever parents are righteous, their en will also be righteous, and ver parents are wicked their chil- will likewise be wicked. One of the tragic scenes in the entire Old nent is that of King David whose ad rebelled against him, crying in h: "Absalom; my son! my son!"

it is to say that the Bible teaches we find to be true in our own ex- ce: that the religious and moral here of the family life has a pro- effect both upon the children, and tly on the entire nation.

s OBVIOUS to all of us that the pat- f family living has changed rad- since even the last pages of the were recorded. There is not much in belaboring the details of those s—the diminishing of the father's te authority . . . mother's transi- om the grinding stone to the pro- n line or to the woman's club . . . ldren in public school, with classes nine to three, and extracurriculars hree to nine, or later . . . TV, the car, movies, and the fifty- other factors that make home a uch different place from what it the "good old days."

s that mean, then, that the Bible nts on family life are not of much our own family situations? Hardly. e the family relationships about the Bible is primarily concerned really changed, not even since the ges of the Bible were written.

The biological fact that children must have parents hasn't changed an iota. Nor has the fact changed that offspring of humans, as contrasted to offspring of much of the animal world, need parental care for a very long time if they are to survive. Neither has the fact changed that the child's moral and religious attitudes will be formed very largely by the parents during that period of dependency, and especially in those first formative years before any other influences have a chance to mold him.

Anyone who thinks seriously about the matter recognizes that our "religion" is made up of our attitudes and emotions and direction of our wills, besides, of course, our intellectual ideas. And most of those factors are *absorbed,* not taught.

So the child, while he learns to handle a spoon, is learning, too, either that his food comes only from his mother, or the grocery store, or the farmer; or he learns that ultimately it comes from God, and it is to God that he gives thanks.

THAT SAME SITUATION is true of every other phase of his life, too. He absorbs from his parents' conversation either that God is totally unimportant because He is rarely, if ever, mentioned. Or he learns that God is very important, and very real, and very near, because he hears God talked *about* and talked *to.*

Of course, when children grow up they will have to face the fact of different opinions about the nature of man and of the world and of God. But what they do with those differing opinions will depend, at least for many of them, on what attitudes they begin with. And Jimmy's attitude, or Judy's, or Pam's, will, like Ahaziah's, or Uzziah's, or Timothy's, or the ill-fated daughter of Herodias, be formed by attitudes they absorbed at home, before they were able to choose.

# Personal Problem Clinic

## Foibles of Christians

QUESTION: We have a group of pastors in our conference who are doing a wonderful work. But when they get together at conference meetings they have beer parties. I certainly don't want to judge them, but I can't feel that Jesus would approve such practices among the leaders of Christian people.

I know for certain that these things have happened because one of the pastors is a personal friend of our family, and he told about it very openly. Perhaps I am being too prudish about this. If so, please set me straight.

Another thing that has worried me is that a church in — advertised in its bulletin that the Ladies' Aid Society would sponsor an evening of fellowship at a local brewery. They even sold tickets for it.

There is so much heartache brought about by drink that it seems regrettable to see it sponsored by church groups. If I am being too puritanic about these matters I should like to know it.

REPLY: In regard to the use of beer and other alcoholic beverages, there are two rather extreme viewpoints within our church, each capable of citing Scripture, reason, and experience in support of their outlook. One group approves the use of beer, wines, and similar drinks, stands for temperance, and condemns intemperance, while the other champions total abstinence and prohibition and regards any use of beverage alcohol as an evil. There are many shades of opinion in between.

It seems difficult for either to understand or appreciate the viewpoint of the other. The practices and views of each seem somewhat offensive to the other.

The evangelical viewpoint, I believe, favors temperance and puts the whole matter up to the individual conscience. Nevertheless, we recognize that the very taste of alcohol is dangerous to a proportion of people who are easily led into further indulgence—even into intemperance and drunkenness. We need adequately to educate all ages in regard to effects of alcohol on individuals and society.

Pastors and church groups ought to exercise great care about such practices. What seems blameless to one may be a cause of stumbling or offense to others. On the other hand everyone should recognize that there are wide differences in the folk ways of groups and nations which are not regarded as moral in character. In determining one's position in passing judgment on that of others each one should consider all the factors involved, and check them against the various statements of Scripture.

## Accidents

QUESTION: A young man who is a neighbor has recently been in two highway accidents, has had three or four in the past and recently fell down the basement steps. I don't know of any one else who has had such hard luck in a short time. Is there any cause for such a streak of ill fortune?

REPLY: Studies of persons and accidents have shown that certain individuals are "accident-prone." They have more than their share of mishaps. It has been found that the main causes are fatigue, illness, inexperience, worry, and emotional upsets. Clinical treatment, instruction, protected machinery, and adequate inspection serve to reduce the number of accidents. One needs also to cultivate habits of watchfulness and care no matter what else is done to help him. A change of habits may make a great difference.

—EARL S. RUDISILL

Letters to be answered on this page may be sent to Dr. Rudisill at 1228 Spruce St., Philadelphia 7, Pa. Letters are edited to conceal the identity of their authors. For personal reply enclose addressed envelope.

## Preacher's Guide to the Scriptures

**Interpreter's Bible,** Volume I. General and Old Testament Articles; Genesis; Exodus. ...ton-Cokesbury. 1099 pages. $8.75.

...s first volume of *The Interpreter's Bible* has been eagerly awaited since the appear-...of Vols. VII and VIII which introduced the New Testament and covered the four ...ls. Publication of Volume I was timed for the date of the appearance of the ...d Standard Version of the Old Testament (Sept. 30), which is used in parallel ...ns with the King James Version throughout this work.

...general articles on the Bible and the ...estament contain some excellent ma-...especially by such scholars as H. H. ...r, Allen Wickgren, W. A. Irwin, ... Albright, James Muilenburg and ... Wright. These have written on the ...ance and authority of the Bible, the ... and character of the English ver-...Hebrew literary history, the ancient ...l civilizations, history of Old Testa-...eligion and Old Testament theology, ...ively. But C. A. Simpson's Hexa-...criticism is too individualistic, and ...Robinson's chronology for Old Testa-...istory is so hopelessly out of accord ...at of the other writers as to require ...ed question marks after every date. ...posite work must run this risk, but ...: I of *The Interpreter's Bible* suffers ... from inconsistencies, self-contradic-...nd peculiar points of view.

..., the exegesis of Genesis by C. A. ...n too largely reflects his much crit-...theory of source analysis. Indeed, ... written here cannot be understood ... recourse to his work on *The Early ...ms of Israel.* Yet none of this seems ...ct W. R. Bowie's expository and ...ical hints on Genesis. The exegesis ...dus, by J. C. Rylaarsdam, is more ... and shows a fine appreciation of the ...cal values of this important book. ...his colleague in exposition, J. E. ... frequently enabled to proceed on ...is of the exegesis he offers on a ...assage. But *The Interpreter's Bible* ...nds by exposition of Scriptures, ... which take the text simply as a ...f departure and are richly larded with illustrations drawn from wide reading in general literature. This seldom yields any help in learning what a biblical passage has to say. And when exegesis, like Simpson's, at least, is chiefly concerned with source analysis, the intent and meaning of Scripture receive scant notice. There are some fine things in this volume, but the above-mentioned peculiarities and defects must qualify our approval of it. Bible class teachers and students will find better helps on Genesis and Exodus elsewhere. Preachers are warned, even by the editors, not to try using the expositions as crutches—more than once, that is!

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**The Interpreter's Bible.** Volume 8. St. Luke. St. John. Abingdon-Cokesbury. 811 pages. $8.75.

Four of the most competent preachers of this generation combine to present an exposition of the Gospel according to Luke. They are Walter R. Bowie, John Knox, George Buttrick, Paul Scherer. Each takes six chapters. Their insight into the meaning of the text and their sober eloquence in setting forth their explanations have seldom been matched by American writers on the Scriptures.

Introduction to the Gospel and verse-by-verse exegesis are by S. MacLean Gilmour, a Canadian theologian. His treatment is never abstruse and always helpful.

The exposition of the fourth Gospel has been entrusted to the famous Scottish preacher, Arthur John Gossip. This is winged writing, as well worth reading for

personal enlightenment as studying as a source of sermon ideas. The publishers have done a notable service by bringing together in one volume such skilled spokesmen of the Christian faith.

The John introduction and exegesis is done by Wilbert F. Howard of Handsworth College, Birmingham, England. In keeping with the purpose of the volumes, this treatment is aimed at helpfulness for homiletics rather than detailed scholarly study.

## Don't Follow the Crowd

**Crowd Culture.** By Bernard Iddings Bell. Harpers. 159 pages. $2.

The book starts out with a bang: "The chief threat to America comes from within America," and continues blasting away at the culture of the common man until the last page. It is a book that at times will anger you, make you think deeply, often make you applaud, and finally leave you dissatisfied with the answer.

The contents are summarized by the author: "First, . . . American culture is a crowd culture, provincial in its contemporaneity, dangerously trivial. Secondly . . . far from our public education being able to rescue us from what we are, it has itself become the servant of our defective culture . . . Thirdly, . . . organized religion, to which one might think we could look for help in saving us from what we are, is too much organizational and not enough religious for the task . . . But fourthly . . . we can be saved . . . but only if we raise up rebels willing to pay the price which rebels must expect to pay."

Dr. Bell is an expert diagnostician. His analysis of our culture cannot be denied. He tears the false facade off our superficial way of life and we see ourselves as we are. But, at least to this reviewer, it is not enough to examine the patient and announce the deadly disease. What can be done to effect a cure?

Dr. Bell's answer is disappointing. He calls for an elite minority, properly trained with a liberal education, to lead the mass of decadent people to nobler ways. A better answer might be a universal spiritual rejuvenation among the masses, a rel revival. Or is that too naive for our m day? J. R. Brokh

*Atlanta, Ga.*

## Christianity in Pictures

**A Pictorial History of the Bible and tianity.** By the editors of "Year." 192 $7.95.

There are more than 1,000 photo in this large-page book (10½ x 14). pictures and captions tell the Old and Testament stories, outline the history Christian church from the earliest d the present, and give much detail abo denominations existing today. For the ern period there is an abundance o uable news photography, no doubt than anybody else has gathered int collection. Thirty-two pages give da religions other than Christianity.

For persons who have limited kno of the history of the church or c variety of present-day churches, this quick and effective introduction. isn't enough in the book about any on ject to amount to much, but the pano view is valuable.

The foreword is by Albert Schweit

## Many Gods

**The Scriptures of Mankind.** An Introd By Charles S. Braden. Macmillan. 496 $6.50.

It would be hard to find a better than this for introducing the thou reader to the main ideas of some c world's religions: Indonesian, Me Chinese, Japanese, Egyptian, Babyl Persian, Hinduism, Buddhism, Ja Sikhism, and the "Hebreo-Christian." Greek and Roman religions have omitted because of space limits.)

Dr. Braden quotes extensively fro writings of all these faiths, but the of his book consists of his own explan of the meaning of the writings an general character of the religions the shrine. He has written sympathetical all these faiths.

# OVERSEAS

**LAND: Helsinki. Oct. 20.**—A RE-ABLE BOOK entitled The *National h* has been written by Dr. Osmo Alaja e synodical conference of the clergy Michael's diocese. The author de-the Finnish concept of the church as ic-Lutheran. It is a combination of oad Lutheran idea of the state church ing the whole nation and the pietistic f "a church within a church."

se contrasting ideas can live side by n a healthy tension which sharpens ality of Christian faith in this country. tate-church by itself, without a group ecially ardent believers within it, be- a lifeless, formal church institution only meaning is to "solemnize" the the nation and its people with its onies. On the other hand, limiting urch to a central group of warm-d believers would result in a sect.

eatise on "The Spiritual and the Sec-was prepared by the Rev. Erkki Niini- for the synodical meeting of the of the Tampere diocese in October. is a gulf between the church and life, the author asserts. To some this is because Lutheranism has de-from original Lutheran ideas.

Swedish theological study of Lu-teaching about the first article of the shows that Luther rejected the tradi-division of things into two separate the secular and the spiritual. Yet in respects this division has recurred in n Lutheranism. The church itself is of making of God a mere religious y separating religion from life. The must not be a sect or "a separate in the midst of other forms of life. tinuous reformation of the church is to overcome such tendencies as illus-in this drifting from basic teaching.

synodical conferences of the clergy ld each fifth year in all six dioceses of Finland. Among material presented at conferences this month was a book written by Bishop Gulin on the present situation of Christian churches of the world. Prof. Aimo T. Nikolainen lectured on "Lutheranism in the Light of the Hannover Assembly of 1952." The Swiss professor, Dr. Oscar Cullmann, spoke in several of the dioceses.

In the Turku archdiocese the Rev. K. E. Rinne spoke on "Pastoral Care in the Finnish State Church." He emphasized the concern for individuals which must be central in the minister's task. Pastoral letters sent by bishops of the Church of Finland to the clergy in recent years contain valuable suggestions on this subject.

The nation's oldest Christian youth organization, the Finnish Christian Young People's Union, has elected a new president, Prof. Aimo T. Nikolainen. The Union has 230 local associations in eight districts which cover the whole country. Main purpose of the Union is to strengthen youth work in the congregations.

The problem of what man actually is held the attention of theologians of England, Finland, and the Scandinavian countries at an Anglo-Nordic conference held at Jarvenpaa. Bishop Elis Gulin opened the discussion by describing three conceptions of man: the biblical, the ancient Greek-Roman, and the modern scientific. The traditional idea, he said, is a combination of the biblical and the Greek-Roman, and the idea derived from modern biology, psychology, and sociology differs from this sharply. The problem for present-day Christianity is whether it must drop out Greek-Roman elements from the traditional view, and proclaim the original biblical teaching alone, and whether it must try to find a synthesis between the Christian and the modern scientific conceptions.

One of the most positive results of the conference was the unity felt in the common worship of the group. It was felt that both the Anglican and Lutheran churches are churches of the Word and Sacraments.

—INFORMATION SERVICE,
CHURCH OF FINLAND

LAYMEN'S STEWARDSHIP WORKSHOPS. Groups similar to this one have met in 12 stewa workshops throughout the Central Pennsylvania Synod recently. A total of 2,241 pastors, c men and lay leaders representing 67 per cent of the synod's 399 congregations studie subjects as "our opportunities within the congregation . . . within the synod . . . within the . . . within the world." "Gratifying results" have been noted in increased stewardship-minc

***ILLINOIS:***

## Three Thousand Hear Fry In Chicago Reformation Speech

CHICAGO—Three thousand members of National Lutheran Council churches in the Chicago area crowded into spacious Medinah Auditorium Nov. 2 to hear the massed choir of 600 voices under the direction of Dr. Olaf C. Christiansen of St. Olaf College and the message of Dr. Franklin C. Fry—"The Mother of Democracy."

Speaking on Gal. 5:1 Dr. Fry said, "It is a transparent fact that evangelical Christianity and democracy belong together. Democracy is the child of this mother and yet the two are in no way connected. Christianity definitely is not here to promote democracy—it is likely to be an outgrowth or an overflow of evangelical Christianity. Democracy is not indispensable for evangelical Christianity. The Kingdom of is not dependent upon any form of hu government for no form is essentia indispensable to our faith."

"Democracy comes out of the bod evangelical Christianity." To illustrate Dr. Fry pointed out that two-thirds of earth's crust is pagan and democracy never come from any part of these pe "Religious geography gives proof." speaker brought to front the evidenc history that where an absolutist church totalitarian church held sway, that here never been the seed bed of democracy. the other hand the Scandinavian coun where "the free breath of the free g had been in free lungs for 400 years" was to be found the "apex of human lationships."

Dr. Fry stated the spiritual qualitie evangelical Christianity and democ equality—only in the Christian faith is t a sound basis where the "benefits of Ch life and death are equally available fo

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lity is not doled out by spiritual aris-
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id, "Protestant lands are literate lands
can be turned into democratic lands,
emocracy grows naturally out of edu-
citizenship. Respect for man comes
ut of communism for it massacres men
e hundreds of thousands; nor does re-
for man come from a church that
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0 years of witness and service were
ecently by two churches.

N CHURCH, Litchfield, extended its ob-
ce over a period of four Sundays
Dr. Paul C. Empie, Dr. Armin George
Dr. Henry Grady Davis and Dr.
Wickey as guest speakers.

ZION, Yount, Missouri, was estab-
in 1852, but services were held among
therans there soon after the Louisiana
ase in 1803. Speakers at the centen-
elebration were Dr. William J. Boat-
nd the Rev. O. M. Meyer.

JOHN'S CHURCH, Maywood, broke
l for a new addition Sept. 21, held the
stone-laying service Nov. 9. The ad-
is to be a much-needed parish educa-
uilding costing $60,000. Most of this
ady covered by cash and pledges.

VARY CHURCH, Chicago, has called the
John E. Cooperrider, formerly as-
pastor, as pastor upon the retirement
E. Luther Spaid. A new parsonage
en purchased for Pastor Cooperrider;
ion services were conducted by the
ames H. Fresh.

PAH CHURCH, St. Louis, has purchased
parsonage and called the Rev. George

MINYAH

## story of the week

TEN WEEKS AGO, Eric and Mrs. Shore, of Philadelphia, were vacationing with their four-year-old Rickey at Atlantic City. One morning Rickey complained of being sick; within 24 hours he was in an iron lung in a Philadelphia hospital undergoing emergency treatment for bulbar poliomyelitis. Doctors told the elder Shores "there's nothing to do but pray!"

Jewish tradition requires that at least 10 men—known as a minyah—be present for any Jewish prayer meeting.

Mr. Shore's hurried call brought Rickey's uncle, both grandfathers and a friend of the family to the hospital. The five started looking for a synagogue. It was 10 P.M.; the task seemed hopeless. Suddenly, someone remembered an old synagogue across town.

Upon arriving, they discovered the building dark. Attempts to arouse the caretaker failed. In desperation, they turned to a near-by all-night diner, operated by a Jewish caterer. After explaining their problem, the five were joined by the diner manager and four late diners. Someone thought he knew how to gain admittance to the darkened synagogue. A key was obtained and the band of men filed into the prayer room.

Every day the ritual was repeated. A rabbi joined the group daily, sometimes brought members of his near-by congregation with him.

LAST WEEK, the same men met one sundown, this time to pray joyously for the same little boy who now stood with them, healthy and erect, in front of the Torah. (Rickey had been driven directly from the hospital to the synagogue.)

"There was never any doubt about our first stop after leaving the hospital," said Mr. Shore. "We wanted him to stand in front of the same Torah we had faced in our grief so that he could thank God and all the good people who helped him recover."

—DICK SUTCLIFFE

REDEDICATED. Following completion o $110,000 improvement and renovation gram, members of Christ Church, Bu N. Y., and Pastor John Strodel rededic their church Sept. 29. Improvements includ new stained glass windows and three b doors. Over 60 per cent of cost has been

***ILLINOIS . . .***

H. Hoog as full-time pastor.

GRACE CHURCH, Woodstock, laid the cornerstone for a $100,000 addition Sept. 28.

Synod's annual Property and Lot Fund Offering received in all churches Oct. 26 will be equally distributed to St. Timothy's Church, Skokie; Christ Church, Clarendon Hills, and the new mission to be established in Lombard. Anticipated offering is $6,000.

LAYMEN ARE taking the lead in stewardship in synod. At all four fall conferences, afternoon sessions were devoted to "The Essentials of a Successful Stewardship Program." Four laymen conducted panel discussions. This is an outgrowth of the stewardship workshops held early in the fall for the laymen of synod.

BROTHERHOOD of synod convened in St. Mark's Church, Washington. The 50-page *Handbook on Brotherhood Work,* compiled by Pastors Clyde Steele and Alden Salstrom. was presented to the convention and unanimously adopted as the official handbook for the synodical Brotherhood. Dr. Harold H. Lentz, president of Carthage College, was the banquet speaker. The largest convention in years re-elected E. A. Ande for his third term as president.

LUTHERANS in Virginia, Ill., have icated their new church (*see* THE LUTHE *Nov. 19*). The congregation is only years old, but under the leadership of Rev. Wilbur M. Allen, the building modern parsonage and the erection of church edifice have been accomplished the very small indebtedness of $7,000 great deal of volunteer labor was dor to make their building program succe

THE REV. POLYCARP C. WIKE, who tired in 1928, recently celebrated his birthday and was the guest preache Augsburg Church, Chicago. He grad from the Chicago Seminary in 1886.

MRS. DAVID H. ENDRES, wife of the p at Trinity Church, Macomb, died of on Oct. 2. She was the daughter of J Edward Mack, prominent at Carthage. Endres graduated from Carthage in 1 was married to Pastor Endres in 195 was ordained in 1952. In addition to husband she is survived by a one-yea son. Funeral services were conducte Trinity Church, Carthage, on Monday, 6, by the Rev. Paul T. Hersch.

CLYDE G. ST

***NEW YORK:***

## Six Thousand Hear Knubel in Syracuse Reformation Speech

SYRACUSE—The Reformation ser held in the War Memorial Building 26 was the largest Protestant service held in Syracuse; 6,100 were in atte ance. Dr. Frederick R. Knubel, p ident of the New York and New Engl

d, was the preacher and the Rev. E. Sjauken, pastor of St. John and eter's Church, was the chairman.

MARK'S CHURCH, Cold Springs (Baldille), was organized Oct. 12 with 72 er members. The Rev. John W. Robr., was organizer. After Lutheran rs of Syracuse area had made a surlan abandoned Methodist Church, unfor 18 years, was taken over for the ervice held on Sept. 9, 1951. Laymen e area helped fix up this church buildrected in 1860. Seventy-six attended rst service. The choirs of the Syracuse hes took turns in leading the worship a choir was organized. Now there is ir of 18 voices. Average attendance with a Sunday school of 45. THE ERAN will be in every home and the olence will be paid at least 100 per

Dr. Eugene Kreider, superintendent me missions, preached the organizing n in St. Paul's Church, Liverpool.

E LUTHERAN SOCIETY of Onondaga y elected Harry Kelsey, Lutheran Mel, North Syracuse, president.

S DEANNA BRISTOL of Luther Memohurch, North Syracuse, won a recent contest sponsored by the Council of hes of Syracuse and Onondaga y. The theme of the essay was "What ible Means to Me." Miss Bristol was ed a copy of the new Revised Version Bible.

FRANK H. SHIMER, First English h, is new president of the Syracuseaga County Ministers' Association.

REV. ARTHUR W. HERGENHAN, St. Church, Oswego, is the new president Oswego City Council of Churches.

ULCA BOARD OF SOCIAL MISSIONS at same board of synod held a preachching mission school in First English h, Syracuse, Nov. 5-6. Synod Pres- F. R. Knubel gave the keynote ad- Drs. C. Franklin Koch, David G. mer, Pastors Edward G. Goetz, Donchaske, Clifton M. Weihe, Herbert

## PEOPLE

THE REV. NELS E. BERGSTROM, field worker for the NLC's Department for the Christian Approach to the Jewish People since its organization in 1947, has been named secretary. He was elected to a four-year term by the NLC's executive committee and will assume his new duties Feb. 1, succeeding the Rev. Harold T. Floreen, now pastor of Lebanon Church, West New York, N. J.

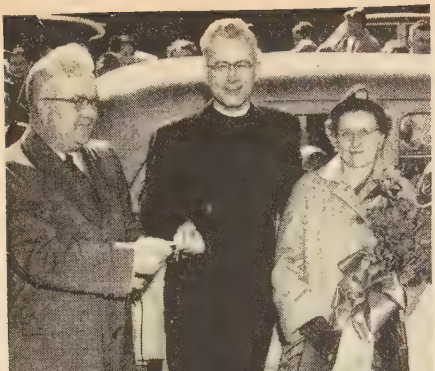
JOHN WAGNER, JR., member of Trinity, Hudson Heights, N. J., and Philadelphia Seminarian, began his work at Greystone (N. J.) Hospital under the supervision of the Council for Clinical Training for the Christian Ministry.

THREE National Lutheran Council staff members have been re-elected to four-year terms by the executive committee. They are Dr. Clarence E. Krumbholz, executive secretary of the division of welfare; Dr. H. Conrad Hoyer, executive secretary of the division of American missions; and the Rev. Robert E. Van Deusen, head of the public relations division's Washington office.

PASTOR L. WAGNER of Grace Church, Philadelphia, won an award of merit in Spiritual Mobilization's recent nation-wide sermon competition. "Thank you for helping to make the annual 'Freedom Under God' observance of Independence Week an occasion of deeper significance," said James W. Fifield. Jr., Spiritual Mobilization's president.

DAVID ENDERS, financial secretary of Bethany Church, Central Bridge, was elected to the New York state legislature as assemblyman from Schoharie County.

LUTHER C. PARSONS, 94-year-old member of St. Paul's Church, Ardmore, Pa., was honored at a reception and tea Oct. 16. At the tea it was announced that the projected bell tower of the church would be named for Mr. Parsons, who has been a member of the church for 73 years. Three hundred attended the reception.



NEW CARS. Members of Richfield Church, Minneapolis, Minn., recently gave their pastor, th Rev. Harold T. Rasmussen, a new car. At left, the pastor and his wife receive the keys t the vehicle from Councilman Elmer Rice. Almost simultaneously, members of St. Matthew Church, Wilmington, N. C., concluded similar honors to their Pastor K. Y. Huddle (right) a Layman C. A. Misenheimer presented final payment on the cleric's new car. In the Wilmingto story, the congregation contributed monthly "half-payments" on the auto

***NEW YORK . . .***

A. Bosch, A. F. Keller, and Franklin L. Jensen presented papers. Discussion leaders were: Pastors Martin J. Hoeppner, Arthur W. Hergenhan, Clarence L. Schaertel, Morris C. Skinner, Louis G. Golder, Robert J. Nelson, Richard Crossland, Melvin Yearke.

Dr. Paul C. White, secretary of synod, dedicated memorial pulpit lamp, credence stand, alms bason, and offering plates at St. Paul's Church, Johnson City, on Oct. 26.

Dr. White was Reformation speaker for the service sponsored by the Association of Lutheran Pastors of the Southern Tier.

CHRISTIAN P. JENSEN

***MINNESOTA:***

## Seminary Open House Held; McCreary Heads Board

Minneapolis — Northwestern Seminary observed open house Nov. 2. Music was furnished by the seminary choir under the direction of Senior Seminarian Harold B. Rygg. Dr. Paul H. Roth addressed the guests.

At the recent meeting of the boar of directors of the seminary the Rev. Geo B. McCreary was elected president; th Rev. H. T. Rasmussen, vice president; Fre C. Mueller, secretary. The student bod numbers 26 seniors, 29 middlers and 2 juniors.

Layman J. K. Jensen (Janesville, Wis.) announced that because of the condition of his eyes, he would no longer be able t serve as treasurer, an office he has held sinc the seminary's beginning. W. O. Helwig synodical treasurer, was elected to succee him.

Dr. John W. Rilling, St. John's, Minne apolis, has received an invitation to spen the summer months of 1953 in Englan as the guest of the British Council o Churches in the annual interchange o preachers.

Richfield Church, Minneapolis, com memorated the fifth anniversary of the pas torate of the Rev. Harold T. Rasmusse Oct. 19. During these five years the con gregation constructed a new $100,000 par ish building, purchased a $26,500 parson age, received 645 adults into membershi

and added 429 children to the Sunday school. In this period the income of the church has tripled and benevolent giving increased five times. The pastor and his wife were presented with a new automobile (*see cut opposite*).

SALEM CHURCH, Minneapolis, broke ground for the extension to the church at a special service Nov. 9. The addition will double the seating capacity of the nave and provide seating for 1,100 worshipers. Salem now conducts two Sunday school sessions—simultaneously with the 9:30 and 11:00 o'clock services. At the service, Mrs. Mary A. Sawyer, member of Salem for 51 years, turned the first spadeful of soil.

PASTORS of Twin City churches are endeavoring to build up fellowship among members of their parishes. Fellowship dinners, cottage meetings, get-acquainted parties are announced in practically all church bulletins. "Know Your Church" and get acquainted with the people of the parish seems to be a goal set.

ST. MARK'S CHURCH, Minneapolis, is celebrating its 50th anniversary. Since 1902 its baptized membership has grown from 33 to 1,244—its confirmed membership from 17 to 921.

DR. E. H. WALSTROM of Rock Island Seminary, Dr. G. E. Mendenhall of University of Michigan and Chaplain J. C. Kaufman of the State Hospital for Mentally Ill at Wilmar, Minnesota, will headline the 15th annual convocation of Northwestern Seminary, Jan. 27-29.

A total of 89 per cent of the 289,813 registered voters in Minneapolis cast ballots at the general election. Women eligible to vote outnumbered men by 14,383. There were 137,715 men registered and 152,098 women. In St. Paul 76.35 per cent of eligible voters cast their ballots.

NORTHWESTERN SEMINARY'S Women's Auxiliary met Sept. 30. Mrs. O. B. Gouchenauer, president, presided.

Auxiliary members have been busy sewing drapes, bedspreads, towels and other articles.

PAUL LUTHER WETZLER

## CAMPUS

CARTHAGE College's new Mildred Mitchell Music Hall wing of the college's new half-million-dollar chapel-music hall was dedicated Oct. 24, by Dr. Everett Mitchell, well-known Lutheran layman and head of NBC's department of agriculture.

MIDLAND will present Handel's "Messiah" Dec. 7 at Fremont City Auditorium. Slated for solos are Senior Contralto Helen Qualley and three alumni.

HARTWICK: Although enrollment—at 325—is down slightly from last year, the freshman class is larger than it was a year ago.

WITTENBERG: Editor of the annual this year will be a junior from Tokyo, Japan—Dick Knudten, who edited the newspaper at Tokyo American School.

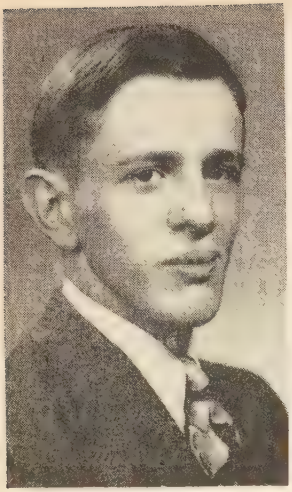
GETTYSBURG College authorities have expressed satisfaction with the first of the "voluntary chapel services" inaugurated this fall.

CHICAGO Seminarian Paul William Schubert succeeded GETTYSBURG Seminarian John N. Miller as president of the Association of Lutheran Seminarians at the sixth annual conference held at Trinity Seminary, Blair, Nebr., early this month. ALS represents approximately 2,400 of the 2,900 Lutheran seminary students in the U.S. and Canada.

CARTHAGE College was the scene of a tri-state, 14-college-university Lutheran Student Conference Nov. 7-9. Two hundred delegates were "on campus."

WITTENBERG has three new professors. L. R. Timmons will be assistant professor of business administration; Dr. Carl Shanor, head of the religion department; and R. H. Kessner, assistant professor of psychology.

WITTENBERG: Politics invaded the campus when two parties—GWL (Greater Wittenberg League) and NEW (New Energetic Wittenberg)—were officially formed this fall. All-campus elections were held Oct. 7.



WINNERS. Eileen Kathryn Kettler, Milwaukee (Wis.) nurse and Richard Clarence Stiffler, Altoona (Pa.) printer's apprentice, are the winners of the first Everett Mitchell Stewardship of Life Awards ($500) presented early this month by the Lutheran Laymen's Movement for Stewardship. Awards were first announced at LLM banquet at Seattle ULCA convention

***NEW YORK:***

## LWA Warnings Hoisted

LONG ISLAND—Lutheran World Action is heading for failure in this area unless there is a great awakening in the few remaining weeks of 1952. By the end of October, the Long Island Conference had managed to scrape together less than $32,000—slightly more than 50 per cent of its yearly quota. Such a dismal picture could be immeasurably brightened by some degree of generosity within the many churches that have sent only token payments and the 20 congregations that have not yet sent anything since Jan. 1.

ST. THOMAS' CHURCH, Locust Manor, is having a month-long celebration of its 25th anniversary during November, with special events each Sunday. High points included a congregational banquet on Nov. 14 with Dr. Paul A. Kirsch speaking.

EPIPHANY CHURCH, Hempstead, is carrying on a year-round evangelism program through the medium of a "Fishermen's Club." Members of this group of 50 pledge themselves to make one call a month on some unchurched person in the community.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, Lindenhurst, has successfully concluded a campaign to raise $100,000 for a building program.

THE REV. JOSEPH B. FLOTTEN, pastor Resurrection Church, St. Albans, and pr ident of the Queens Federation of Church has been chosen as the federation's deleg to the biennial meeting of the General sembly of the National Council of Churc of Christ in the United States. The meet will be held Dec. 9-12 in Denver, Colora

RICHARD H. WEISKOTT

***MICHIGAN:***

## Itineraries Help Synod

DETROIT—Synod benefited from "Trexler-Gouker" itineraries in Octo and November.

ZEB TREXLER, Lutheran Laymen's Mo ment secretary, began his itinerary Oct. at Resurrection, Detroit, completed Nov. 16 at a district Luther League ra at Messiah, Detroit. Program and person in attendance varied from local stewards committees to entire congregations.

SISTER JOSEPHINE GOUKER toured state Nov. 2-25 for the Board of Deacon Work. She presented the call of the c conate to congregations and their socie and auxiliaries in special services and me ings.

CENTRAL DISTRICT Luther League r

**MICHIGAN . . .**

Oct. 19 at Trinity, Hillsdale. Mr. Alfred Wagner of Trinity, Ann Arbor, spoke on "Luther League Past." Members of the various leagues in attendance described the program and activities of their leagues today. Lay-advisor, Miss Jacqueline Brown of Flint, presented plans for future league activities and programs.

AT IMMANUEL CHURCH, Jackson, duplicate services are being held Sunday at 8:30 and 10:45 with capacity attendances. The congregation plans to become self-supporting January 1953. At the same time CHRIST CHURCH, Monroe, will assume full self-support.

PASTOR GEORGE L. GARVER and family (Ascension, Pontiac) are occupying the congregation's recently purchased parsonage, dedicated Sept. 21.

DELEGATES and visitors numbering 170 attended the 33rd annual convention of synod's WMS convention at Trinity Church, Grand Rapids, Oct. 22-23. Represented were 35 societies. Mrs. J. B. Moose, president of the WMS-ULCA, reported on the Hannover Assembly. Missionary Gordon Lindemann of Liberia, in two addresses, outlined the biblical background for mission work and reported on the progress and needs of the Liberia mission. Dr. Joseph L. Sittler, Chicago Seminary, gave the closing address on "The Bible in Daily Living —with Ourselves, the Community, and the World."

FIRST ENGLISH CHURCH, South Haven, celebrated the 50th anniversary of its organization Nov. 7-9. The congregation, fortunate in acquiring land adjacent to its original site, is planning to build adequate facilities for a growing Sunday church school. To be known as Bethany Hall, the new structure will commemorate the acceptance in 1951 by First English of Bethany, a former Augustana congregation, into its membership.

NEWCOMER TO SYNOD is Pastor Marvin Wilken, formerly of St. Mark's, St. Louis, Mo., who was installed at Trinity, Hillsdale, Nov. 9.

WALTER M. BRANDT

NEW PARISH HOUSE. Over 1,000 attended dedication services of this new $90,000 parish house at Hill Church, near Pikeville, Pa., recently. Guest speakers included Muhlenberg College Acting President Morris Greth and the Rev. Luther L. Lengel. Church serves both Lutheran and Reformed congregations

## —HOME MISSIONS—

MICHIGAN: At the initial service of synod's mission in northeast Grand Rapids Sept. 28, 162 attended. Church school was organized Oct. 5 with an enrollment of 42. Formal organization of congregation was scheduled for Nov. 23. The Rev. Robert J. Lignell is mission pastor.

MARYLAND: The first meeting of the proposed mission in Wilkens Avenue area, Baltimore, was held Oct. 24 with 33 persons present. The Rev. John W. Eastlack, mission developer, directed the service.

MARYLAND: The Rev. Elmar Pahn, Estonian pastor at St. Mark's, Baltimore, has accepted a call from the Board of American Missions to begin work among the Lutherans of Estonian background in Buffalo and Syracuse, N. Y.

MARYLAND: Mission Developer Paul F. Luebbe reports "encouraging progress" toward organization of a new mission in the Towson-Lock Raven area. Regular Sunday church school and worship services are being held in the basement of a Roman Catholic home at 1534 Taylor Avenue.

ADDITION. This $140,000 d
dition to North Austin Chur
(Chicago) is the first unit i
a two-unit parish house a
will include educational fa
ities. Second unit cost
same amount will be built
social-recreational purposes

## OHIO:

## Synod Staff Again Complete; Sister Alma Boarts Feted

COLUMBUS—The Synod of Ohio synodical staff was complete again Nov. 16 when Pastor Richard W. Powell sat down behind the desk of the director of Christian education and youth work in the synodical offices here. Pastor Powell, who was appointed by the executive board, will be nominated to the synodical convention next May for election. Since his ordination in 1945 he has served Trinity Church, Brookville, where he has had an energetic youth and educational program. On Nov. 9 Trinity Church said farewells to the Powell family with a mock "This Is My Life" TV program which brought former friends, teachers, and pastors to re-enact their part in Pastor Powell's life.

THIRTY YEARS of service by Sister Alma E. Boarts at Glenwood Avenue Church, Toledo, was recognized Oct. 3 with a surprise recognition dinner at which Sister Martha Hansen, directing sister of the Baltimore Motherhouse, spoke. Over 400 friends attended and Sister Alma was showered with tokens of affection. Sister Alma has served at Glenwood since she completed her training on Oct. 1, 1922, and only one other deaconess has a longer service record in a single congregation at this time.

WHEN MISS EDITH SANER completed 50 years of service in St. Luke's, Marietta, primary Sunday school department she was presented with a special award . . . At Orrville, MRS. EDWARD WIRTH has been hon-

ored for 60 years of membership in
Augsburg choir. Pastor Edward A. B
made appropriate remarks summarizing
accomplishments and presented her with
gold cross. Mrs. Wirth has three sist
active in the work of this congregati
combined service of the sisters totals o
300 years.

EMMANUEL, New Springfield, is constru
ing a new church. When the ground w
broken William Hammer, for 62 years
member, and Thomas Fink, Jr., young
confirmed member, dug the first spadefu
of ground. The cornerstone was laid Se
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AMONG REFORMATION SERVICES held
the state were those at Toledo (Dr. Paul
Scherer, New York), Youngstown (
Franklin Clark Fry), Columbus (Dr. R
H. Stover, Philadelphia), Mansfield (P
tor Harold R. Albert, Columbus), Find
(Dr. George W. Miley, Columbus); Sprin
field (Dr. Armin G. Weng, Chicago), Da
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caster (Pastor Albert H. Buhl, Columbus
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AFTER CALLING Pastor Warren W. Pow
from Amanda, the Oakland-Clay Memor
parish (Mansfield) purchased a $13,0
parsonage. He was installed Nov. 9 by Pa
tor Robert H. Miller.

TUSCARAWAS COUNTY congregations ha
completed a seventh annual leadersh
school, with sessions held two nights a we
for three weeks, with 190 individuals
attendance.

BETHESDA CHURCH, Sherrodsville, has de
icated a new altar, an anonymous gift, a
a pulpit.

AT ARCADIA, Trinity Church has begun
parish house addition to cost $13,000, wi

the men of the church doing much of the actual labor and construction on the cement block addition.

LUTHERANS in the rich western and central farm areas are being requested to contribute corn, wheat, and soybeans by the trailer load, for the 1952 Food Appeal which replaces CROP this year. Pastor Guy M. Lubold, Convoy, is directing the synodical appeal which runs from Reformation to Thanksgiving. Factory workers in industrial Ohio are asked for cash to buy wheat for bread.

DR. FREDERICK W. HEINS of the Springfield Inner Mission Society is on a four months' leave of absence at Syracuse University where he is studying television as a medium for religious education. Dr. Heins has been active in the released-time program in Springfield.

FIFTEEN CONGREGATIONS in Toledo, including nine of the 18 ULCA churches, are conducting a Joint Stewardship Effort this fall. Together the congregations seek an accumulated total of $485,820.94. While techniques in each congregation vary, a common Stewardship Sunday will be a climax to an effective preparation by means of commonly prepared stewardship literature.

REDEEMER CHURCH, Toledo, has purchased a third residence adjoining their church property in west Toledo.

JUDGE CHARLES B. ZIMMERMAN, Springfield, formerly a member of the ULCA Executive Board, and a justice of the Ohio Supreme Court since 1933, was one of only two Democrats who ran successfully for state office in Ohio on Nov. 4. Judge Zimmerman, running on the non-partisan political ballot for the fourth time, won by a narrow margin. He was the only Lutheran on the state ballot.

AUGSBURG CHURCH, Toledo, has a church music program which provides six choirs for the many services of this large congregation. Thomas J. Tonneberger keeps busy directing the cherub chorus (1st through 3rd grade, practicing Fridays at 3:35); Luther choir (4th-6th grades, Wednesdays at 3:35 P.M.), singing on alternate Sundays; catechetical (7th-8th grades, Tuesday, 3:35 P.M.), singing each week at the early service; chancel (high school), singing each week at the early service, Wednesdays at 6:30; Aeolian (adults), singing at the second service each Sunday, rehearsing Thursday at 7:30 P.M.; ladies' chorus, singing occasionally and practicing twice a month.

RECENT BEQUESTS include $1,000 each from Mrs. Howard J. Skiles and Mrs. Dora E. Skiles, and $2,000 from Miss Linda Myers, following a gift of $1,050 previously, to FIRST CHURCH, Shelby . . . FIRST ENGLISH, Crestline, has received $200 from the estate of the late Willis Kaler, a church councilman at the time of his death in September . . . A life insurance policy gift amounting to $2,436 from the late John Molebash, has been received by GRACE CHURCH, Dover. $500 was given to endow altar flowers and the candles, the balance marked as the Molebash Memorial Gift was added to the building fund.

THE LUTHER LEAGUE of Ohio meeting on Reformation week-end at First English Church, Mansfield, named David Ullery, Brookville, and Tom Clay, Convoy, both Wittenberg College freshmen, as president and vice president. Renamed secretary and treasurer were Loretta Conrad, Wooster, and Paul Culler, Lucas. Advisors will be Vivian

PARSONAGE. Since Oct. 28 when Iowa Synod installed Dr. Alfred J. Beil as its first full-time president, this combination parsonage-synodical office headquarters in Des Moines has been the scene of increasing church activity



PACIFIC LUTHERAN
THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

HONORED. When memb of St. John's Church, Unio town, Ohio, recently decid to observe the 50th ordinati anniversary of their past Dr. Henry C. Roehner (fr row, right) they "did it brown." Participating in t surprise ceremony were Fred Wiegman, Trinity Chur Akron; the Rev. Tom Homr hausen, Zion Church, Cante and Ohio Synod Presid George W. Miley. Dr. Ro ner, one of the pioneer ad cate-supporters of "The theran" synodical plan subscriptions, has served t Uniontown congregation sir 1940 (see Ohio news belo

***OHIO . . .***

Au, Lucas, and Pastor William O. Calvert, North Industry.

MRS. MYRON TRIPP, 74, Springfield, Wittenberg College faculty member from 1923-1941, died Oct. 8. Services were conducted at Fourth Church on Oct. 11.

THE FIRST cornerstone laying for a ULCA church in Cincinnati in 40 years will be held Nov. 30 when Pastor Robert F. Berger, along with synodical officers George W. Miley and Albert H. Buhl, joins with members of Roselawn Church in marking a progress step toward a $117,000 church building. The mission was organized in 1944, has been worshiping in a remodeled clubhouse.

ANNIVERSARIES in November include: Nov. 2, 25th anniversary of CHRIST SLOVAK, Lorain . . . Nov. 9, 25th anniversary of the ordination of PASTOR WESLEY J. RUNK, Third Protestant Memorial Church, Cincinnati . . . Nov. 9, 40th anniversary of TRINITY, Springfield.

On October 26 the fiftieth anniversary of the ordination of DR. HENRY C. ROEHNER was observed by the two churches of the Uniontown parish with a combined service at which President George W. Miley spoke, and a dinner when Pastors Tom B. Ho righausen and Fred C. Wiegman spoke. (D Roehner is busy this month conducting t fifth "THE LUTHERAN in every home in t Synod of Ohio" campaign—success is sho in 16,000 subscriptions, largest single sy odical group) . . . On Dec. 7 HOLY TRINIT Salem, will celebrate the 25th anniversary the pastorate of GEORGE D. KEISTER.

E. RUDOLPH WALBO

***NEBRASKA:***

## Start Thanksgiving Appeal

FREMONT—To help the destitute Europe and elsewhere abroad, 57 cc gregations in the Nebraska Synod a being asked to support the nation-wi Thanksgiving Clothing Appeal of L theran World Relief.

The appeal in Omaha is again under t sponsorship of Lutheran Men and Luther Women of Omaha. The in-gathering da for Omaha clothing will be Nov. 30. Th afternoon, trucks and drivers, loaned local businessmen, and manned by volu teer workers, will visit every Luther church in the city to pick up the clothi which has been brought in.

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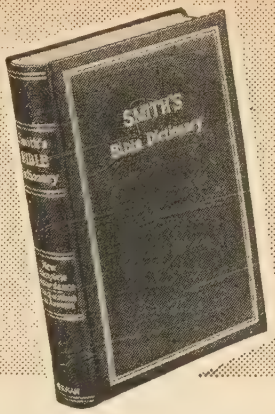


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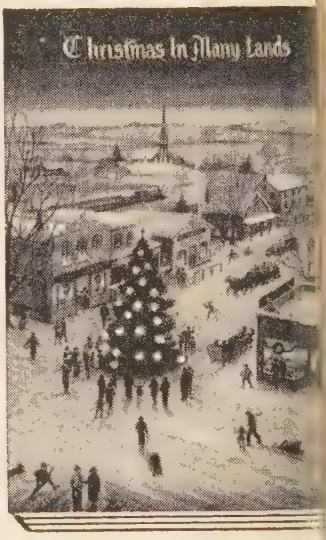


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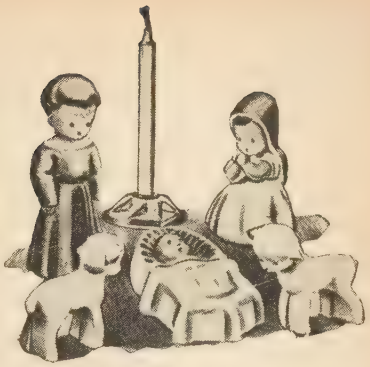

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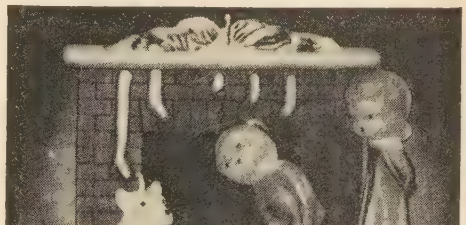

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**NEBRASKA . . .**

The past two years, the Thanksgiving Appeal produced three freight cars of clo ing, and sponsors hope that 1952 res will be equally as good or even better.

REDEEMER CHURCH, Omaha, has w comed its new pastor, the Rev. Claudius Jensen, installed Nov. 9 by Dr. T. J. Schuldt, president of synod.

"BETTER BUILDING, better surroundin better preaching." That, believes Dr. Bryan Keisler, Central Seminary preside may be part of the answer to the phenon nal growth of the seminary during the p two years. Most impressive fact, Dr. K ler reported at the winter convention of North Platte Conference, is that the se nary now has 42 students (40 Lutheran Baptist, 1 Methodist) which is twice many students as five years ago.

A LARGE PERCENTAGE of the congre tions in synod are seeing the light of needs of Christ's Kingdom. According Pastor R. R. Pfeiffer, synodical stewardsh committee chairman of Scribner, bene lence receipts from congregations were mu larger than last year.

Nearly 60 laymen will have visited the congregations of synod presenting ste ardship during October and November. many instances the synodical teams "g down at the dinner table with the chur councilmen and auxiliary leaders of t congregation, and talked things over. Th told each other their troubles, and tried help each other find a solution for them

THROUGH THE TREASURER of synod, Mi land College has received $343.50 towa the Beegle Hall Fund from Salem Churc Fremont. Goal is $800 for refurnishi two rooms.

UNITED CHURCH, Spencer, is in t process of being painted. One of the pro ects of the Luther League was to brin comic books to the October meeting f Tabitha Home, Lincoln.

NEW FRONT WALKS were laid and a ne basement entrance has been completed Emmanuel Church, Tekamah, made possib through the H. C. Stork memorial fund the request of his widow.

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# DECEASED

## Dr. Eldridge H. Copenhaver

Dr. Eldridge H. Copenhaver, former president of Marion College and also head of the Lutheran Synod of Southwest Virginia, died Nov. 5 at his home in Marion, Virginia, after an illness of several weeks.

Born in Smyth County, Virginia, March 14, 1872, he was graduated from Roanoke College and Chicago Seminary. In 1932, Wittenberg College awarded him the degree of doctor of divinity.

Following ordination he served pastorates in Chicago, Ill., Birmingham, Ala., and Damascus, Va. In addition to his 10 years of service as president of Marion College (1928-38), he was pastor of Marion parish for 13 years.

He served as president of the Lutheran Synod of Southwestern Virginia, 1921-22, as president of the Marion Conference between 1920 and 1928. He also gave service as a member of the boards of trustees of Southern Seminary and Marion College.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Margaret Greever Copenhaver; two daughters, Margaret Sue Copenhaver, Marion, Va., and Mrs. Gordon Hanes of Winston-Salem, N. C.; a sister and brother and three grandchildren.

The funeral service was conducted Nov. from Ebenezer Church, Marion, by Virginia Synod President J. Luther Mauney assisted by Pastors John Fray, Charles Musing and K. G. Killinger.

## Rev. Walfred J. Stromberg

The Rev. Walfred J. Stromberg, pastor of St. Luke's Church, Sioux City, Iowa, died Oct. 26 following a heart attack. He was 59.

Born June 19, 1893, in Lindstrom, Minn., he was educated at Gustavus Adolphus and Minnesota Colleges, and was graduated from Northwestern Seminary. Following ordination, he served pastorates in Minneapolis, Alden, Walters, Albert Lea, Minn., before accepting the call to Sioux City four years ago.

Surviving are his wife, two daughters, and seven brothers and sisters.

The funeral service was conducted Oct. 30 in St. Luke's Church by Pastors Marvin Suhr, Walter Voss, Eugene Harrison, John Bruce, and Synod President Alfred J. Beil. Interment was in Lindstrom, Minn.


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# In Conclusion . . . . . .

SOME OF THE MOST IMPORTANT people never get into the headlines. They labor quietly and unobtrusively behind the scenes, doing the commonplace, basic work that leads to great results.

This is especially true in our congregations. An army of devoted souls teach children, sing in choirs, conduct the affairs of organizations, tend altars, and perform a host of other ordinary services. They don't get medals or citations, but upon their faithful performance of duty depends the entire program of the church. This Thanksgiving season seems a good time to express appreciation for such useful Christian work.

EVERY PASTOR OR CHURCH leader—as I know well from experience—has a little prayer of thankfulness in his heart for the teachers who loyally devote part of their Sundays to the church school. While parents of some of the children are still in bed, or are home reading the Sunday paper, these sincere Christians serve their Lord by helping to lead youngsters to better understanding of God's Word and will. And there's special reason to be grateful for those who undertake this as an acceptable Christian duty, without needing to be coaxed or cajoled into serving for another year!

Another group to be thankful for is the volunteer choir which adds much to the worship services in most of our churches. Throughout the ULCA many thousands give a few hours each week to rehearsal and then willingly lead the worship. Others in the congregation are sometimes ready to criticize the choir when it falls short of the highest artistic standards. But when there's no choir to lead the service on Sunday morning, it leaves a great vacuum. These choristers don't expect flowery expressions of gr itude, I'm sure. They love to serve th Lord and do it willingly. But we w benefit from their efforts have real re son to be thankful.

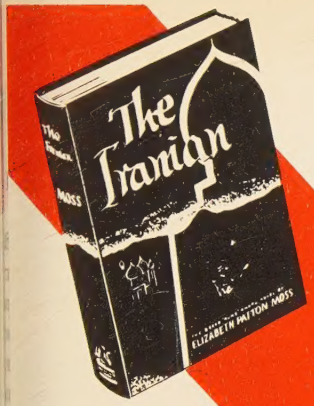
And there is the host of minor offic and committee leaders in our ma church organizations. To be respon ing secretary or treasurer in some soci is no high honor in itself. Most memb are happy when they can avoid electi to such offices. But the dependable se ice of those who willingly accept the positions makes a successful organizati possible.

OF COURSE, THERE ARE REWARDS. T church school teacher finds his in t spiritual growth of the children he guid The singer finds satisfaction in the i spiring worship which the choir can he create. Workers in an organization a gratified when it grows in service a accomplishes its purposes. Such volu teers who freely give their labor pro ably have greater joy in these things th do paid singers or teachers.

But that doesn't relieve the rest of of some responsibility. We're glad th faithful teachers are guiding our childre We like to sit back and listen to the cho particularly when it's in good form. W breathe a sigh of relief when someon else is elected secretary or named cha man of the committee.

The least we can do is add a sm prayer of thanks to God that He h always moved the hearts of men to ser Him with loving and humble devotio And when the opportunity comes for to do our part, perhaps we will th more willingly respond and say "He am I, Lord. Send me, too."

—ALBERT P. STAUDERMAN

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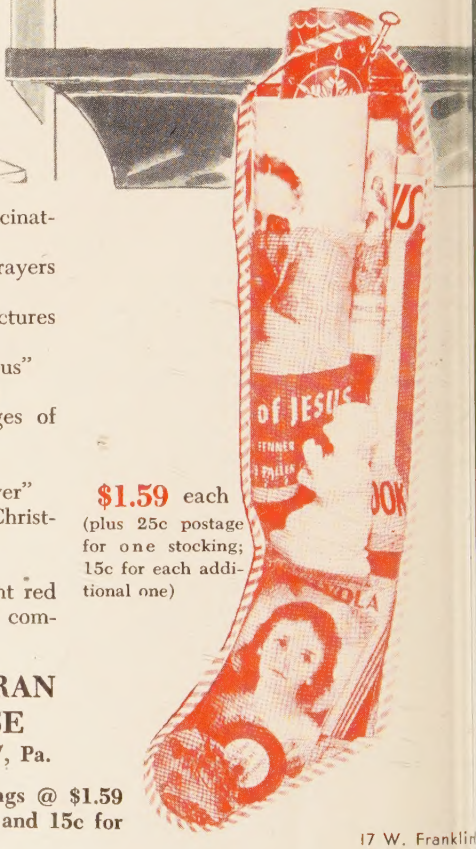

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